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— Jennifer Hazell, president of the PAWS animal shelter on Misawa Air Base, Japan, on excuses people use for abandoning their pets when it's time to move to a new duty station

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## Baghdad marketplace bomb kills 8

BY SAMEER N. YACOB  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Bombs hidden in plastic bags near a falafel stand exploded at a market in a mainly Shiite area in Baghdad on Sunday, killing at least eight civilians and wounding 21, Iraqi officials said. It was the latest in a series of bombings targeting Shiites and minorities in the capital and northern Iraq.

The U.S. military has said insurgents are trying to reignite sectarian bloodshed that pushed the country to the brink of civil war but Shiites so far have shown restraint.

The bags packed with explosives were left among a pile of garbage and exploded shortly before 8 p.m. as the district was crowded with people enjoying the evening.

Several nearby stores were also damaged, according to police and hospital officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Five children were among the wounded, they said.

"After I saw the horrible scene, I rushed home," said Raad Nasir, 26, who owns a cell phone store near the blast. "We were starting to be happy that our area was safe and not like before, but now the terrorists have resumed their cowardly crimes against civilians."

Mindful of the fears, the Iraqi government announced Sunday that it has indefinitely postponed a nationwide census after warnings that it could stoke ethnic and political tension.

The population count, which had been scheduled for Oct. 24, would have settled controversies over the size of the country's re-

ligious and ethnic communities. It also had implications for decisions over the fate of the oil-rich area of Kirkuk as well as the budget allocation for the self-ruled Kurdish region in the north.

"The Planning Ministry is technically ready for the census, but after hearing some fears and reservations from political groups in Kirkuk and Ninevah, we decided to stall and the census has been postponed indefinitely," he told reporters during a visit to the Shiite holy city of Najaf.

Many lawmakers had called for it to be postponed until after parliamentary elections scheduled for January, arguing that war has caused radical change in the sectarian makeup of many areas and the results could ignite new tension.

After decades of repression, Iraq's majority Shiites rose to

power with the 2003 fall of Saddam Hussein after the U.S. invasion. Much of the insurgency that followed was driven by the once-dominant Sunnis, who felt disenfranchised. Militants from both communities drove the country to the brink of civil war in 2006 and 2007.

That bloodshed has ebbed since a 2007 U.S. troop buildup, a Sunni revolt against al-Qaida in Iraq and a Shiite militia cease-fire. But U.S. commanders have warned that Arab-Kurdish tensions over land and oil in northern Iraq could provoke a new round of violence.

Iraq's government has allocated about 17 percent of its budget for the Kurds since Saddam's fall, based on the assumption that the figure reflects their percentage of Iraq's population.

It would have been the first nationwide census since 1987.

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All would be honorably discharged and be able to retain their retirement benefits.

This move comes as the war in Iraq appears to be winding down, the U.S. economy remains mired in recession and the Army is having few problems meeting enlistment and re-enlistment goals. Recruitment bonuses have been discontinued and standards have been tightened elsewhere, putting an end, for example, to a program that allowed convicted felons to enlist.

Purcell said the QMP, which used to flag about 200 soldiers' files annually, had been discontinued in 2002 because of the need to focus on fighting wars. But he denied that it was being brought back simply because these senior NCOs were now expendable.

Instead, he said, it had become increasingly clear that marginal NCOs who previously would have retired to avoid a QMP were no longer doing so without the program in place.

"We know it because the sergeant major of the army gets

notes about incidents and scenarios with senior leaders, incidents of misconduct," Purcell said. "It's become more frequent."

Asked how senior NCOs could have accrued such demerits as letters of reprimand, Article 15s or, especially, courts-martial, and not already have been discharged, Purcell said that sometimes deference to rank provided an undue protection or leniency.

"A lot of what happens is — 'Move this guy, get him out of here,'" Purcell said. "All we're doing is transferring problems," he said.

Several NCOs said they're happy that the QMP is back.

"I think it's a good process," said Sgt. Maj. Miguel Rosario, the V Corps sergeant major for personnel in Heidelberg. "It's a tool that keeps you sharp. It reinstates good order and discipline."

He added that he did not person-

ally know any marginal NCOs.

"I do understand why we may have kept these guys around the last six years..." Rick Haddad, a retired E-8 who last served with the 10th Mountain Division and was medically retired after being severely injured in an Iraq bombing, wrote Stars and Stripes in an e-mail.

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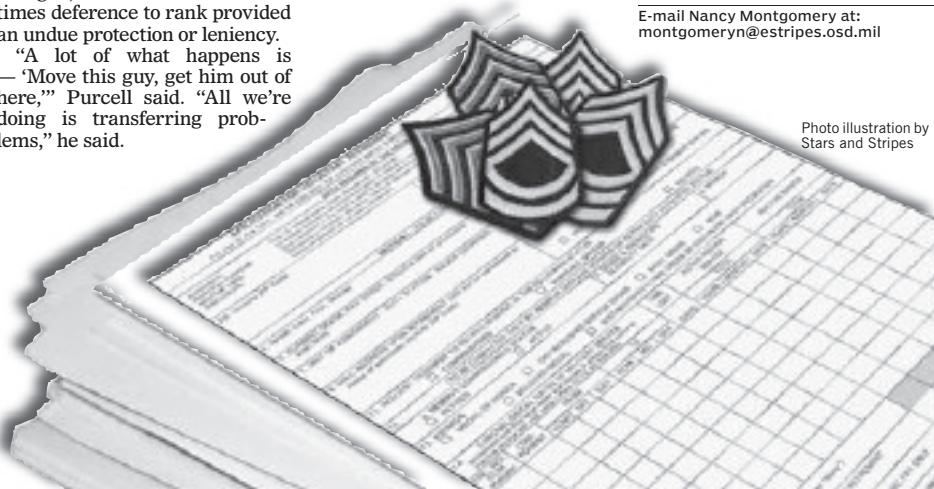


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# Looking out for animals

## Advocates push to protect pets from being left behind during PCS moves

By T.D. FLACK  
Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Free dog. Cats for sale. Need a home for my pet before we move.

Every year, as military families begin preparing for the summer moving season, bulletin boards, Internet chat rooms and base newspapers are bombarded with those kinds of notices.

Too often, animal advocates contend, the animals are simply driven off base and pushed out of a car — abandoned in the local community.

"A lot of people view them as a disposable commodity," said Jennifer Hazell, president of PAWS — the volunteer animal shelter on Misawa. "It's like you don't want your sofa anymore, so you leave it out on the curb. ... It's very aggravating. We try to do what we can do to hold people accountable."

Hazell and others who spoke to Stars and Stripes said they're heartened to learn that there's a push to add animal cruelty and abandonment as a charge under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The 2009 Commission on Military Justice — a nonprofit corporation comprised of professors, private practitioners and legal experts — discussed it during a meeting earlier this summer and will recommend Congress approve the change to the UCMJ.

"That would be wonderful because then we could say, 'See, here's exactly where you went wrong and what's going to happen to you,'" Hazell said during an in-

terview at PAWS, which stands for Pet Are Worth Saving.

Animal advocates on bases said the biggest problem is the mindset that comes with an overseas assignment. Everything seems temporary: People buy a \$500 car they hope will last two years, borrow furniture from the base because they didn't ship their good stuff from the States, and pick up a pet for the tour.

When it comes time to PCS to the next duty station, they'll hit volunteer shelters looking to "donate" the cat or dog, Hazell said.

"Heartbreaking is a perfect word," she said of the issue. "A lot of times, there is no reason for a must-get-rid-of [announcement]."

Expense certainly is no reason for dumping a family pet, volunteers said.

"You budget to buy a car. You budget to buy furniture. ... Why wouldn't you budget to take your cat with you, or your dog?" Hazell said. "It's poor planning."

While there are such logical reasons as severe allergies or emergency medical evacuations, too many people are simply moving and don't want the animal, Hazell said.

Melanie Bemel, spokeswoman for the Okinawan American Animal Rescue Society, agreed. She said she conducts a briefing as part of the in-processing for military personnel on the island, and the reaction often is: "Oh, you mean I can take an animal back with me when I PCS?" We want you take this animal in for the rest of its life."

For now, those who volunteer to work with animals on military bases rely on standard base regulations that address owning pets. They often include the requirement to microchip the animals.

In some cases, organizations such as PAWS and the Okinawa group will give microchip scanners to off-base shelters or visit them to check for American-owned strays. But, they said, it's impossible to tell how many people are abandoning animals.

When volunteers do find a U.S. servicemember's animal in a shelter, they take possession of the animal and alert the owner's command for potential administrative action.

A servicemember could face court-martial under Article 134 — "conduct of a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces."

Hazell cited a recent case at Misawa in which someone reported seeing an American throw a cat out of a car window in the local community. PAWS tracked the person via the microchip and assessed a command-authorized monetary fine. The group also alerted the person's command for possible administrative action. Base officials were unable Friday to say what, if any, action was taken.

The animal-interest groups pointed to education as the key to stemming the problem. Both PAWS and OAARS have Web sites that detail the process of taking animals along on any permanent change-of-station move.



T.D. FLACK/Stars and Stripes

**Jennifer Hazell, president of the all-volunteer PAWS animal shelter on Misawa Air Base, Japan, holds Eugene, one of the cats available for adoption.**

And people who adopt from the organizations sign contracts, agreeing that they won't abandon the animals.

Liz Rouse, who founded OAARS in 2004, said she believes the military should do more to control the problem.

"[If regulations] are enforced, it might help," she said during a phone interview from Virginia, adding that animal owners wouldn't be as likely to dump a pet if they had to explain why during their check-out process when leaving a base.

Then there's that possibility of making animal cruelty and abandonment an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Hopes are high within the

volunteer groups that Congress approves it.

Bemel said that earlier in the year, her group hosted a hugely successful adoption fair, finding families for about 20 dogs and 17 cats.

This summer has been busy for the organizations. Nearly 100 animals are waiting for new homes on Okinawa alone.

Bemel said the problem can seem insurmountable and can be depressing.

What keeps her going is knowing she's made a difference for each animal she's helped — even as she spots more strays on the streets.

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# Fourth GI gets jail, reduced rank for S. Korea bar brawl

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SEOUL — A fourth U.S. Army Garrison-Yongsan soldier was sentenced last week in connection with a February brawl outside a popular Itaewon nightclub that left one soldier with a life-threatening stab wound to the chest.

Pfc. Antonio Webb, a cook with the 1st Replacement Company, was convicted Monday of two specifications of assault consummated by battery for punching a soldier four times and for pushing and pinning another soldier against a car outside the King Club. He was sentenced to 45 days of confinement and reduction in rank to E-2.

Webb said in court that he joined the melee in an "adrenaline rush" but remembered little of the night because he had been drinking. The fight had started inside the club after someone pulled out a knife, he said.

The Feb. 1 fight was the most high-profile in a number of what U.S. Forces Korea commander Gen. Walter Sharp called "incidents of indiscipline" since last summer, when he shortened the weekend curfew to 3 a.m. to 5 a.m.

A Seoul resident who witnessed the fight said during Webb's court-martial that it

was the worst he had ever seen and that it contributed to the negative stereotypes that South Koreans have of U.S. soldiers — in particular, that they cause mayhem and their presence is worthless.

"It just shines a real negative light on the U.S. military, and it kind of destroys all the good work that the U.S. military does, with one incident," said Johnny Collins, who was born in South Korea and adopted by an American couple.

Collins testified that a group of 10 to 15 men stood in the street outside the club and stopped traffic after U.S. military police and South Korean police emptied the club.

"They just looked really angry," he said. "A couple of guys took off their shirts like they were waiting for something to happen."

Two other men came outside, Collins said, including one with welts on his head from the fight inside. They stood there and "didn't do anything" as the crowd taunted

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**Johnny Collins**

A Seoul resident who witnessed the fight

and threatened them, he said. The men were identified in previous courts-martial as Spc. Michael Charles and Pvt. Matthew Bonham.

A melee broke out after someone in the crowd kicked one of the men in the

back of the head, Collins said. The fight moved into the street, and one of the men was pushed against a car and beaten. The police inside the club didn't come out to stop the fight, he said.

He said the fight ended when the soldiers "were tired of kicking and punching."

"This was horrible, and it was just American soldier on American soldier," he said. "They didn't deserve the beating that they got outside, whatever they did inside."

Charles suffered a punctured lung when he was stabbed during the brawl, but no one has been convicted of the stabbing.

Pfc. Carlton J. Lyles Jr. was acquitted in June of attempted murder and obstruction of justice in relation to the incident.

Others who have been convicted for par-

ticipating in the fight are:

■ Spc. Kenneth Jenkins, Special Operations Command-Korea, who was convicted of assault consummated by battery for punching a soldier several times. He was sentenced to reduction in rank to E-1 and 60 days of confinement.

■ Pfc. Christopher Johnson, 142nd Military Police Company, who was convicted of assault consummated by battery for kicking and punching a soldier multiple times. He was sentenced to reduction in rank to E-2 and 30 days of confinement.

■ Sgt. Darren Clay, 142nd Military Police Company, who was convicted of assault consummated by battery for punching a soldier one time. He was sentenced to reduction in rank to E-4 and 20 days of confinement.

At least two more soldiers will be court-martialed in the case: Sgt. Markease Joyner, who is charged with three counts of false official statements and two counts of aggravated assault, and Spc. Markelle Joyner, who is charged with two counts of aggravated assault and one count of false official statement, said 8th Army spokesman Walter Hamm. The twin brothers are scheduled to be court-martialed separately in early October.

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# DOD seeks debate, youth on new Web 2.0 site

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ARLINGTON, Va. — “The days when, I think, communications people try to control the message no matter what are gone.”

Remember that quote, spoken by the Pentagon's new head of public affairs on Thursday, as it is the spirit behind a new Defense Department Web site, defense.gov, designed to embrace the open, youth-driven, two-way participation of Web 2.0.

“Transparency, multiple voices being on your Web site, engagement, not one-way communication, dialogue — that's the way to go,” said Price Floyd, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, in an interview inside his E-ring office at the Pentagon.

Floyd said that when he learned that the predominant audience of most visitors to its central Web site for Defense Department information — defenselink.gov — was more than 50 years old, he decided it was time for a change.

“I was surprised by that,” he said. “We need to reach a younger audience. The 18- to 24-, 25-year-old is an important audience for us for lots of reasons: it's where recruits come from; it's where our future leaders and national security policymakers come from.”

He also wanted to offer the American public a Web site that had something for everyone.

“The DOD Web site needs to fit the needs of all its, for lack of a better word, clients,”



Screenshot/defense.gov

he said.

The new front page will have a feature allowing visitors to type any question for Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. As those are submitted, they will be posted online and visitors can vote on which questions they want the secretary to answer. Gates will answer the top five on the site, according to Floyd.

“As long as there's not inappropriate language, inflammatory language in the question,” he said, though deciding what constitutes such content will be a trial-

and-error process.

Still, anyone from around the world can post a question, Floyd says, military or civilian, American or foreigner. “Maybe it's stop loss, maybe it's the new GI Bill, or maybe it's we're relying too much on counterinsurgency and not enough ‘big Army,’” he said.

Gates welcomes the expected controversy that an open forum on the U.S. military's main home page may bring.

“His quote back to me was, ‘I can't imagine why that would be a problem.’ That kind of stuff on your Web site actually gives you credibility,” said Floyd.

Other top officials such as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, or defense procurement officials may also be called on to speak to relevant topics. And the site will feature an online poll tracking what visitors feel is the most important issue of the day.

All of it is subject to change. Floyd said he will never consider the Web site content complete.

Floyd came to the Pentagon on a wave of personnel that has poured from the Center for New American Security, a left-leaning think tank that has populated the ranks of President Barack Obama's defense, diplomacy and national security apparatuses. Floyd was the center's chief spokesman. Undersecretary of Defense Michele Flournoy, the Pentagon's chief policy official, co-founded the group and was its president.

Floyd said he's following the lead of the new interactive features on the redesigned WhiteHouse.gov Web site ushered in by Obama's team.

“We need to go to where those audiences are and communicate in the way they communicate. Twitter, Facebook, having widgets, blogs, podcast for things — all that stuff is there,” on the new defense.gov Web site, Floyd said.

The Pentagon is close to releasing new rules for social networking use by servicemembers and department employees on military systems. Recent news reports have documented wide disparities in the rules for servicemembers in the U.S. and deployed downrange, and even between the services.

At the end of the month, the department's chief information officer will hand recommendations for militarywide rules on social networking Web use in a report to Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn, who is expected to make his recommendations to Gates for final approval.

“My guess is the plan will be balanced — that there will be an understanding of the benefits that these sites provide, as well as a recognition of threat and the need to mitigate against that threat,” he said.

It also will give commanders leeway to deal with issues of broadband they may face individually — leaving open the likelihood that not everyone will face the same access to the Web sites.

“What I don't imagine this policy being is a complete open door or a complete closed door. ... I haven't heard that from anyone as a real option.”

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## Refugee advocate, former Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon dies at 64

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Kenneth Bacon, a Pentagon spokesman in the Clinton administration who became a voice for millions of refugees uprooted by violence and conflict, died Saturday of skin cancer that had spread to his brain. He was 64.

His death at his vacation home in Block Island, R.I., was announced by Refugees International, a Washington-based advocacy group that Bacon had led since 2001.

“Most Americans remember Ken as the unflappable civilian voice of the Department of Defense,” Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a statement. “But for millions of the world's most vulnerable people

— refugees and other victims of conflict — Ken was an invaluable source of hope, inspiration and support.”

After a long career as a Wall Street Journal reporter and editor, Bacon joined the Clinton administration in 1994 as assistant secretary of defense for public affairs. He became familiar to the public as the bow-tie wearing Pentagon spokesman.

It was in that job, during U.S. and NATO operations in Kosovo, when Bacon grew convinced that more people were needed to stop human rights abuses and assist people displaced by man-made and natural disasters.

He became president of Refugees International in 2001. During his tenure, the group doubled in

size and advocated for increased protection and assistance for displaced people in places such as Sudan's Darfur region and Iraq, where he focused much of his own work, as well as in Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia, Thailand and Myanmar.

Bacon was born on Nov. 21, 1944, in Bronxville, N.Y. He graduated from Amherst College in 1966 and two years later earned master's degrees in business administration and journalism from Columbia University.

Survivors include his wife, Darcy Wheeler Bacon; two daughters, Katharine Bacon of Brookline, Mass., and Sarah Bacon of Brooklyn, N.Y.; his father, Theodore S. Bacon of Peterborough, N.H.; a brother; and two grandchildren.



JOEL RENNICH/AP

Then-Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon speaks to reporters at the Pentagon in Washington on April 13, 1999. Bacon, who became a voice for millions of refugees through his work with Refugees International, died Saturday of an aggressive melanoma that had spread to his brain. He was 64.

## Guardisman laid off while deployed in Iraq may get job back

By JIM GUY  
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McClatchy Newspapers

FRESNO, Calif. — Fresno County, Calif., officials said Friday that Paul Haros, an Army National Guardsman just back from Iraq, might not be laid off from his job after all.

Kevin Fries, the personnel services business manager in the county's Human Resources Department, said that he's “pretty sure” Haros was eligible for a

promotion months ago while he was overseas. If the Sheriff's Department decides to promote Haros from Correctional Officer II to Correctional Officer III, he won't be laid off.

Haros did not have enough seniority among the department's Correctional Officer II staff to avoid being caught up in a round of recent layoffs. But if he is promoted to Correctional Officer III, he would be in the clear, Fresno County Supervisor Henry Perea said.

Perea said it's up to Sheriff Margaret Mims to decide whether Haros will get the promotion.

A Sheriff's Office spokesman did not return calls late Friday.

The Sheriff's Office included Haros among jail staff members receiving layoff notices because of budget shortfalls.

Haros, a corporal in the California Guard, returned to Fresno after a year in Iraq and some controversy at home involving a torn American flag that caught national news media attention.

Haros' homecoming meant that his father, Louis Haros, could finally lower the flag, which he had vowed to leave the flag up until his son returned.

Haros said he had received a call from his supervisor and found out he had just received a pink slip.

“I was angry, but I knew she didn't make the decision,” he said.

Haros had worked about 1½ years as a correctional officer at the jail and then 6½ years as

a deputy sheriff before deciding to work again at the jail. He was sure that he had a good amount of seniority when he discussed the layoff with an official.

“I thought I had eight years,” he said. “[The analyst] said, ‘no, you're brand new. If we do a re-hire, you'll be one of the first to come back.’ I thought that was pretty cold.”

Haros could not be reached for further comment after the announcement.





# Feminine appeal

PHOTOS BY JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Marine Sgt. Monica Perez, of San Diego, left, helps Lance Cpl. Mary Shloss of Hammond, Ind., put on her headscarf before heading out on a patrol in the village of Khawja Jamal in the Helmand province of Afghanistan. Perez and Shloss are members of the Female Engagement Team whose mission is to engage with local Afghan women.

## Female Marines reach out to engage Afghan women in fight against Taliban

BY ALFRED DE MONTESQUIOU  
The Associated Press

**P**ut on body armor, check weapons, cover head and shoulders with a scarf. That was the drill for female American Marines who set out on patrol last week with a mission to make friends with Afghan women in a war zone by showing respect for Muslim standards of modesty.

The all-female unit of 46 Marines is the military's latest innovation in its rivalry with the Taliban for the populace's loyalty. Afghan women are viewed as good intelligence sources and more open to the basics of the military's hearts-and-minds effort — hygiene, education and an end to the violence.

"It's part of the effort to show we're sensitive to local culture," said Capt. Jennifer Gregoire, of East Straburg, Pa. She leads the Female Engagement Team in the Now Zad Valley of Helmand province, the heartland of the Taliban insurgency.

"If you show your hair, it's kind of like seeing a nude picture here, because women are very covered up," she said.

Women are technically barred from combat units in the Marines, and some infantrymen have been surprised to see them in brightly colored headscarves under their helmets, deployed in the most intense combat zones in the country.

"But ... I think they understand that what we're doing is vital to operations and vital to the counterinsurgency program they want to run," said Gregoire.

Women soldiers were assigned to search women at checkpoints in Iraq, and the experience fed into the Afghan effort, said Cpl. Sarah Furrer, from Colorado Springs, Colo., who served in both war zones.

"I'm not married and I don't have children, so

they think that's awkward because I'm 24," Furrer said of her Iraq experience. But as a result, "we're not so much afraid of engaging the women" in Afghanistan, she said.

"I've found you get great intel from the female population," said Capt. Zachary Martin, who commands the Company G, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, stationed in Now Zad.

"The women don't want their men out there conducting jihad and getting killed."

But just to find the women is a challenge. There were none in sight as Gregoire's team entered Khawja Jamal, a village of mud brick homes with no electricity or government presence.

While heavily armed Marines fanned out, the four women started by trying to strike up conversations with the few old men and young children who ventured outdoors.

The several hundred villagers grow wheat and opium poppies in the crossfire between Marines and Taliban fighters who are in the woods less than a mile away.

"They look at us through binoculars. They'll kill anybody who talks to the Americans," said Abdul Gayom to explain why the villagers were so wary of meeting the patrol.

1st Lt. Victoria Sherwood was undaunted, talking to him through her Afghan translator. She gave him painkillers for his back, and small presents for the children timidly clustering around.

Deeper in the village, an elderly woman eventually appeared on a doorstep. Gusha Halam claimed she was 120 — so old she could do what she pleased. Her black head scarf left her wrinkled face uncovered and revealed some hair,

dyed bright orange with henna.

"The Taliban took everything from us. Make them leave," Halam said, before her sons and grandsons arrived, stopped the conversation and hustled her indoors.



Above: Marine Lt. Victoria Sherwood, of Woodbury, Conn., talks with 8-year-old Bibi Asha, right, and her grandmother, Nazu, while visiting the village of Khawja Jamal. Below: Marine Lance Cpl. Brigitte Ratzlaff, of Winter Haven, Fla., plays with Cpl. Clay, a bomb sniffing dog, before a patrol.



## Canada hands off part of Kandahar province to U.S.

BY DREW BROWN  
Stars and Stripes

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Canada has handed over about half of its battle space in southern Afghanistan's Kandahar province to newly arrived U.S. soldiers, allowing Canadian forces to concentrate on counterinsurgency and reconstruction efforts in the provincial capital, according to a senior officer.

The move also effectively doubles the size of NATO-led combat forces within Kandahar province, birthplace of the Taliban movement, from two to four battalions, although they will operate under separate U.S. and Canadian commands.

The transfer of responsibility to soldiers of the U.S. 5th Stryker Brigade includes Spin Boldak district — site of an important border crossing with Pakistan — and the districts of Arghandab, Shah Wali Kot, and Kakrez, north of the city of Kandahar, said Lt. Col. Mike Patrick, chief of operations for Canada-led Task Force Kandahar.

The soldiers are among the 21,000 additional American forces that President Barack Obama ordered to Afghanistan earlier this year to combat the burgeoning Taliban insurgency in southern Afghanistan.

The deployment puts two battalions from the Fort Lewis, Wash.-based brigade into areas that were previously held by much smaller Canadian forces.

"What the American forces represent is the ability to cover off on the population at large inside Kandahar province," said Patrick. "They've filled in some places where we weren't."

Other battalions with the 5th Stryker Brigade are deploying into neighboring Zabul province, said Col. Harry Tunnell IV, the brigade commander.

With the deployment into Zabul province, the 5th Stryker Brigade will essentially close a vital gap between U.S. forces in eastern Afghanistan's Paktika province and Kandahar province in the south. Until now, Zabul province has been only lightly garrisoned by international troops.

The 5th Stryker Brigade is equipped with the Army's latest generation of battlefield sensor technologies and networked communications systems, which will allow the U.S. forces to "operate over large distances with full situational awareness," Patrick said.

"So, they're almost tailor-made to take that ground that we weren't on in force, and that we were servicing on a nonregular basis," he said. "That's effectively allowed us to concentrate ... inside of an [area of operations] wherein we've achieved a better ratio of security versus the population."

"They can cover a vast amount of territory with the equipment

they bring to the table," he said.

The area that the Canadian-led task force will now focus on includes the city of Kandahar plus the districts of Maiwand, Ghora, Zhari, Panjwayi, Dand and Daman, located to the west and south of the provincial capital. These areas include about 80 percent of the province's population, Patrick said.

An estimated 914,000 people live in Kandahar province, but only about 324,000 live within the city itself, according to figures from the Program for Culture and Conflict Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. About 590,000 people live in rural districts, the program estimates.

Most of these districts are clustered around the provincial capital.

*"They can cover a vast amount of territory with the equipment they bring to the table."*

**Lt. Col. Mike Patrick**  
Chief of operations for Canada-led Task Force Kandahar

From 2005 until last year, Canadian soldiers held Kandahar largely on their own. But with only 2,800 soldiers in its task force — and with the actual size of the fighting force much smaller than that — commanders were faced with tough choices on where to deploy their troops.

"Fully 10 of the districts (out of 17 total) were not covered by us in force," said Patrick. "We could not provide that persistent force that was necessary."

The districts where the Stryker battalions will operate are not as heavily populated, but they cover the majority of the province, and they include unguarded corridors that insurgents are presumed to use for the transport of fighters, weapons and drugs.

"We need to squelch the insurgency with coverage," Patrick said. "That's what it comes down to."

With its soldiers engaged in some of the heaviest fighting in southern Afghanistan, Canada threatened to pull its forces out of Afghanistan unless NATO allies contributed more troops.

Last summer, U.S. soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment from Fort Hood, Texas, were slated to deploy to eastern Afghanistan, but were sent instead to Maiwand district in western Kandahar province, where they came under Canadian command.

In June, those soldiers were replaced by the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, also from Fort Hood. Those troops will remain part of the Canadian task force, Patrick said.

But even as U.S. and Canadian forces are working more closely together in Afghanistan than ever before, support for the war remains uneven with Canadian voters, and Canada's government has committed to pulling its troops from Kandahar province in 2011.

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# Bombing underscores security concerns

By JONATHAN S. LANDAY

McClatchy Newspapers

KABUL — Afghan authorities are trying to determine how a suicide bomber breached tight security in Kabul's diplomatic quarter Saturday and detonated an SUV packed with explosives in front of NATO headquarters five days before the presidential election.

At least seven people died and 91 others were injured by the explosion, according to a Defense Ministry statement.

The bombing underscored the Taliban's ability to mount attacks in the heart of the Afghan capital despite stringent measures that the government and NATO say they are taking to safeguard Thursday's vote.

U.S. Navy Lt. Todd Vician, a spokesman for the U.S.-led International Security Assistance Force, said that a "handful" of ISAF troops were among those injured, but he declined to identify their nationality. Soldiers from Macedonia, along with Afghan police, handle security at the steel-gated ISAF headquarters entrance.

The wounded also included four Afghan soldiers and Awa Alam Nuristani, a member of parliament and head of President Hamid Karzai's campaign for women, the Defense Ministry said.

Taliban spokesmen took responsibility for the attack in calls to news agencies. It was the first major assault in Kabul since Feb. 28, when 28 people died after insurgents stormed into the Justice Ministry and two

other government buildings.

The ISAF compound, protected by high blast walls, razor wire, and concrete blocks, is the headquarters of U.S. Army Gen. Stanley McCrystal, the commander of the 100,000-strong ISAF. It was not known if he was inside when the explosion went off around 8:30 a.m. local time.

The blast spewed shards of metal, set cars on fire and blew out windows in nearby buildings.

Many of the casualties were workers on their way to jobs at the Ministry of Transportation and the state-run radio and television building, which sit opposite the ISAF compound on what is usually a quiet street.

Afghan police and troops and ISAF sol-

diers quickly sealed off the scene as medics loaded the dead and wounded into Afghan military ambulances.

"When I left the ministry and turned into the intersection, there was a huge explosion. It was very powerful and there was smoke and dust everywhere," said Dil Agha, 35, a driver for the Ministry of Transportation. "This is very bad. These people (the casualties) were here just to earn a piece of bread for themselves."

Gen. Zahir Azimi, the spokesman for the Ministry of Defense, said that an investigation was under way to determine how the bomber was able to pass through at least three police checkpoints and reach the front of the ISAF headquarters.

## U.S. envoy praises Pakistan progress against Taliban

By KAY JOHNSON

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — President Barack Obama's special envoy to Pakistan praised the country's progress in taking back key territory from the Taliban, saying Sunday it had given U.S.-Pakistan relations enough "breathing room" to shift to other key issues such as energy and economic development.

Richard Holbrooke said he hoped to visit the Swat Valley, where hundreds of thousands of refugees have begun to return after the military ended Taliban control of the area, adding that Pakistan was safer with the reported death of the militants' leader, Baitullah Mehsud, in a CIA missile strike Aug. 5.

The security improvement prompted the U.S. to move to address areas Pakistan has been pushing hard for: assistance for its cash-strapped economy and projects to solve an energy crisis in which millions go without electricity every day.

"We shifted the focus deliberately and consciously today to the issue that every Pakistani tells me is on their minds more than any other — economy and above all energy," Holbrooke told a news briefing Sunday. "We are concerned with more than just the western tribal areas — although those remain a central concern."

He gave no details but said projects would be announced later.

Washington had long wanted Pakistan to crack down on militants with strongholds along its western border with Afghanistan, where the Pakistani Taliban

are believed to shelter al-Qaida terrorist leaders and help plan attacks on U.S. troops across the border.

The Swat offensive marked a turn in Pakistan's anti-terrorism fight in part because the Taliban takeover of the alpine enclave — which once boasted Pakistan's only ski resort — had become a symbol of the extremists' expansion. Government forces have been winding down their three-month offensive there but still face pockets of militant resistance and violence.

Holbrooke said the military operation in Swat, Buner and surrounding areas marked considerable progress.

"We are very impressed with their success so far," he said. "There is some breathing room now."

Washington has reportedly been anxious for Pakistan to capitalize on the momentum by launching a ground offensive in the Taliban-controlled tribal

areas west of Swat — including Mehsud's stronghold of Waziristan. However, Holbrooke said Sunday the timing was up to the Pakistani military, which has been launching aerial assaults against militant bases near the border.

In Swat on Sunday, residents in several different areas woke up to find a total of 18 bodies lying in the streets. One body was in the main town of Mingora, seven in Kanju town and the rest in four other villages. Local police would not comment on the bodies, but residents interviewed said they recognized some of the men as militants loyal to local Taliban commander Maulana Fazlullah.



ANJUM NAVEED/AP

**U.S. envoy to Pakistan and Afghanistan Richard Holbrooke listens to Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi during their meeting in Islamabad on Sunday.**



DIMA GAVRYSH/AP

**Workers prepare to load election ballots on trucks at the Independent Election Commission compound in Kabul to deliver them to polling stations Sunday. Afghans will head to the polls on Thursday.**

## Taliban threaten polling centers

By NOOR KHAN

The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The Taliban are threatening to attack polling centers in the key southern province of Kandahar, a warning likely to have a chilling effect on potential voters in this week's presidential election.

Afghanistan's intelligence service chief, meanwhile, said authorities were making progress in convincing some Taliban to leave voters alone Thursday, when Afghans will select a president and members of provincial councils.

Militants have promised to disrupt the poll, in which President Hamid Karzai hopes to win another five-year term. Some have warned people to stay away from voting centers, close businesses and not travel on election day.

In leaflets pinned on mosque walls in the city late Saturday, the militants warned they will use "new tactics" as they try to undermine the vote.

"You should not participate in the elections and should not go to the polling centers because officials might be there and there might be attacks against them,"

said the letter signed by Ghulam Haidar, the Taliban's operational Kandahar commander.

The Taliban also warned people not to allow the voting to take place on their property or rent their houses to election officials.

The head of Afghanistan's intelligence service, Amrullah Saleh, indicated talks were under way with local Taliban leaders to avoid attacking voting centers, but he gave few details.

Separately, a rocket hit a shop in Kandahar city, wounding two children inside, police official Mohammad Jan said.

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## IN THE WORLD

## American man leaves Myanmar after release

The Associated Press

BANGKOK — An American man imprisoned in Myanmar for sneaking into the home of detained democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi flew out of the country Sunday after a visiting U.S. senator won his release.

John Yettaw of Falcon, Mo., arrived in Bangkok on a U.S. government plane with Sen. Jim Webb of Virginia, who secured Yettaw's freedom Saturday with a plea to Myanmar's ruling military junta.

Webb's visit to Myanmar was the first by a member of the U.S. Congress in more than a decade, and could presage a new approach by Washington toward the military government, which it has shunned.

A pale and haggard-looking Yettaw smiled as he left the small plane and flashed sign language for "I love you" to waiting reporters but did not respond to questions.

Yettaw, 53, was convicted last week of breaking the terms of Suu Kyi's house arrest by swimming to her lakeside home in early May and staying for two days.

Webb was also allowed a rare meeting with Suu Kyi, who is tightly restricted in her house arrest.

His meeting Saturday with the junta's chief, Senior Gen. Than Shwe, was the first time the reclusive general has met with a senior U.S. political figure.

Webb said he also asked Myanmar's military rulers to release Suu Kyi, 64, a long-standing demand of the United States and much of the international community.

"I am hopeful that the relations between the United States and Myanmar will move forward and that the government will consider strongly" the request, Webb told reporters before leaving Myanmar.

Yettaw has said he made the visit to Suu Kyi's house because he had a vision that she was at risk of harm from assassins.

"I believe he was probably motivated by good intentions but he committed a very serious violation in this country," Webb said in Yangon. "It was a good gesture from your country to our country for humanitarian reasons to allow him to return to his family."

Yettaw has been held in Insein, Myanmar's largest prison, which is notorious for torture and other abuses of both political prisoners and ordinary criminals. But his lawyer has said his client was well-treated.

## Aide claims U.S. linked to Honduras coup

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — A top official in Honduras' ousted government claims there was U.S. involvement in the coup that deposed Manuel Zelaya, saying the plane that flew him into exile stopped at an airfield manned by hundreds of American troops.

Patricia Valle, who served as Zelaya's deputy foreign minister, says the Honduran military aircraft took off from the capital's Toncontin airport, then landed to take on fuel at the Soto Cano base before heading to Costa Rica. She says Zelaya stayed on the plane during the stop.

Soto Cano, also known as Palmerola, is a Honduran military base that is home to at least 500 U.S. troops engaged in counter-narcotics operations and other missions in Central America.

## Russia: Search ongoing for missing ship

MOSCOW — Russia's envoy to NATO said Sunday that operations to find a missing freighter and its 15 Russian crewmembers are in full swing and he was optimistic of quick success.

Russian and European maritime officials are searching for the Maltese-flagged Arctic Sea and its \$1.8 million cargo of timber. Dmitry Rogozin told state-run Vesti TV that Russian officials are in close contact with their NATO counterparts.

"The operation is ... unfolding positively. It's giving us reason to hope for success," Rogozin said.

## Gunmen fire at bus near U.S. mine in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Gunmen fired Sunday at a bus carrying employees of U.S. mining giant Freeport in eastern Indonesia, injuring five, police and a news report said, in the latest in a series of attacks near the world's largest gold mine that have killed three people.

The official Antara news agency said the bus was attacked as it transported workers to the mine in Papua province.

Papua police spokesman Lt. Col. Agus Rianto confirmed the shooting but said he had no information about injuries. A Freeport spokesman could not immediately be reached.

## N. Korea: Kim Jong Il met Hyundai Group chief

SEOUL — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il met the head of South Korea's Hyundai Group, the North's state media reported Sunday, days after the communist country released a Hyundai worker who had been held there for months.

Kim and Hyun Jung-eun, Hyundai's chairwoman, had a "cordial talk," the Korean Central News Agency said in a brief dispatch from Pyongyang which provided few details. It did not specify when the talks took place, though they were likely held Sunday since Hyun had extended her stay in the North for an additional day, the fifth time since arriving in Pyongyang last Monday.

From The Associated Press



Burnt debris is piled up after a wedding tent caught fire Saturday in Kuwait City. The fire killed 41 women and children, and 58 people were injured. Investigators did not know if the bride survived.

AP

## 41 women, children die in fire at Kuwait wedding

By DIANA ELIAS

The Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — The fire at a wedding tent in Kuwait that killed 41 women and children consumed the structure in a blazing inferno lasting just three minutes, the fire department chief said Sunday.

"It was a horrific scene with bodies and many shoes stuck to the ground at the only exit; they must have trampled over one another," said Brig. Gen. Jassem al-Mansouri, the day after the disaster.

He said Kuwaiti authorities were running DNA tests to identify the 35 women and six children killed in the fire, which left many victims unrecognizable.

Authorities are investigating the cause and al-Mansouri said it could have been faulty electrical wiring, a problem with the equipment used to keep the wedding food buffet warm or the coals used for burning incense.

Photographs of the scene show the tent was erected in an urban area. The interior was strewn with blackened debris, including the metal frames of chairs and tables, and burnt out air conditioners, a necessity in this hot country where night temperatures in the summer are often above 100 degrees.

It was not clear if the bride survived or how many

were in the tent when it caught fire. Al-Mansouri said the structure was 39 feet long and could have housed up to 180 people.

In Kuwait, wedding parties are held separately for women and men, with children attending the women's event. The parties usually feature a catered buffet dinner as well as singing and dancing to Kuwaiti and Arabic music.

No alcohol is served in conservative Kuwait.

Al-Mansouri said 58 injured were still in hospitals, seven in serious condition with severe burns.

The chief said events in tents should be licensed so that authorities approve the type of tent set up and ensure it has the necessary safety features.

He said Saturday's event was not licensed.

The upholstery and the stuffing of the chairs used was also highly flammable, al-Mansouri said.

The Interior Ministry called on Kuwaitis to stop erecting tents in the middle of crowded neighborhoods and there has been talk of banning them altogether.

Tents are also used in election campaigns, but by permit only.

Kuwait's emir, Sheik Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah, has ordered that no expense be spared to treat the survivors and provide comfort to their relatives.

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# Indian actor's detention in U.S. prompts outrage

By NIRMALA GEORGE  
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Angry fans burned a U.S. flag in protest Sunday, a Cabinet minister suggested searching visiting Americans and an actress tweeted her outrage after Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan said he was detained for questioning at a U.S. airport.

Though U.S. immigration officials denied he was formally held, fellow Indian film stars and political leaders condemned what they called "humiliating" treatment given to Khan, a Muslim who is well-loved in a largely Hindu country. One Cabinet minister suggested a "tit-for-tat" policy toward Americans traveling to India.

Angry fans in the northern city of Allahabad shouted anti-U.S. slogans and burned an American flag.

Khan said he was detained Friday by U.S. immigration officials at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey because his name came up on a computer alert list.

The actor is in the U.S. to promote a new film, "My Name is Khan," which is about racial profiling of Muslims after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The story was front-page news in India, where the ability to avoid being frisked at airports is seen as a status symbol. Politicians, sports celebrities and film stars often claim VIP status to avoid security checks.

"My name is Khan? Too bad. SRK (Shah Rukh Khan) feels the heat of American paranoia," said The Times of India, quoting Khan as saying he felt "angry and humiliated."

Khan later downplayed the incident. "I think it's a procedure that needs to be followed, but an unfortunate procedure," he told reporters Saturday in suburban Chicago.

U.S. customs officials said that Khan was questioned as part of a routine process that took 66 minutes. Spokesman Elmer Camacho said Khan was not detained, "but



RAJESH KUMAR SINGH/AP

**Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's fans hold posters, shout anti-American slogans and burn the American flag during a protest in Allahabad, India, on Sunday.**

it took a little longer because his bag was lost by the airline."

The federal information minister, Ambika Soni, angrily suggested that India adopt a similar policy toward Americans traveling to India.

In New Delhi, a small group of photo-waving fans shouted slogans in support of Khan.

U.S. ambassador Timothy J. Roemer on Saturday said the U.S. Embassy was trying to "ascertain the facts of the case — to understand what took place."

Khan, 44, has acted in more than 70 films.

## Swine flu halts India film opening

BANGALORE — The grand opening of the much-awaited Indian film "Kaminey" ("Low-life") has been stymied by the swine flu pandemic.

Panic has built up across India as the infection touched thousands and the death count hit 18.

Multiplexes in Mumbai, the hub of India's film industry, have been closed.

From Global Post



AP

**Two men float a dog and supplies through flooded streets of Pingtung County, southern Taiwan, on Aug. 10.**

# Aid arrives for typhoon victims

## 1,000 still stranded in Taiwan

By ANNIE HUANG  
The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — The first shipments of foreign aid arrived Sunday as Taiwan struggled to reach more than 1,000 people still stranded a week after its deadliest typhoon in half a century.

As plastic sheeting for makeshift housing arrived from the U.S. and water purification tablets came from Australia, taxi drivers in the capital, Taipei, pitched in as well, driving rice and instant noodles to the island's hard-hit rural south.

President Ma Ying-jeou, who has announced that the death toll from Morakot is likely to exceed 500, offered another apology for his government's response to the disaster after families said more lives could have been saved.

"Sorry we were late," he told people in Pingtung County. "As the president, I will take full responsibility in getting the remaining work done well."

The head of Taiwan's relief

operation, Mao Chi-kuo, denied criticism that authorities had failed to evacuate villagers soon enough, blaming the record rainfall instead.

"We received in three days the amount of rainfall that would normally accumulate over one year," he told reporters.

All together, 35,000 villagers have been rescued from 44 hard-hit villages in the south, he said.

The U.K. pledged to send prefabricated houses for the 7,000 left homeless, and the U.S. planned to send helicopters to carry equipment to repair roads.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Aug. 17)	94.00
South Korean won (Aug. 17)	1,202.00
Euro costs (Aug. 17)	\$1.4671
Dollar buys (Aug. 17)	€ 0.6816
British pound (Aug. 17)	\$1.70
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3768
British pound	\$1.6567
Canada (Dollar)	1.0869
China (Yuan)	6.8352
Denmark (Krone)	5.2274
Egypt (Pound)	5.5480
Euro	\$1.4242/0.7022
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7506
Hungary (Forint)	190.37
Israel (Shekel)	3.7918
Japan (Yen)	94.45
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2872
Norway (Krone)	6.0660
Philippines (Peso)	47.89
Poland (Zloty)	2.90
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4431
South Korea (Won)	1,234.75
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0707
Thailand (Baht)	34.03
Turkey (New Lira)	1.4862
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## INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.16
30-year bond	4.42
Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press	

# Hamas declares order restored after Gaza fighting

By IBRAHIM BARZAK  
The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Gaza's Hamas rulers said they had restored law and order to the seaside territory Sunday after a bloody weekend of clashes with an al-Qaida-inspired group.

The militant Palestinian group crushed a challenge from Junud Ansar Allah, or the Soldiers of the Companions of God, one of a number of small, shadowy factions that are even more radical than Hamas.

At least 24 people were killed in the confrontations in the southern town of Rafah, including the group's leader, Abdel-Latif Moussa, who provoked Hamas by declaring Gaza an Islamic emirate.

His death ended the greatest internal challenge to Hamas' rule since it took control of Gaza two years ago and helped distance the

territory's Islamic rulers from more radical groups that seek to expand the Palestinians' battle beyond Israel to include the Western World as well.

Hamas spokesman Ihab Al Ghussien said the group would "not allow the return of security chaos to Gaza."

Hamas authorities arrested some 100 people during the clashes and continue their search for other Junud Ansar Allah members.

The crackdown solidified Hamas' stronghold on power in Gaza. However, a previously unknown group named Suyouf al-Haq, or the Swords of Truth, called for revenge against Hamas and a boycott of its mosques in a statement posted on several Palestinian sites.

Rafah remained a closed military area Sunday, and journalists were kept away as Hamas security checked vehicles in and around the combat zone.

At least 150 people were wounded in the fighting, which began Friday afternoon after Moussa's fiery speech and continued throughout the night in two fierce gunbattles outside his mosque and his home.

Early Saturday, an explosion went off in Moussa's home as Hamas was trying to persuade him to surrender. He was buried Saturday night, but Hamas still has his home closed off. Gaza human rights groups expect the death toll to rise once medical teams are allowed access to the remains of Moussa's home.

Junud Ansar Allah first came to public attention in June after it claimed responsibility for a failed attempt to attack Israel from Gaza on horseback. The group claims inspiration from al-Qaida's ultraconservative brand of Islam, but no direct links have been confirmed.

The group has been critical of Hamas for not imposing a more severe form of Islamic law and for maintaining a cease-fire with Israel.



## IN THE STATES

# Quiet Atlantic comes alive with storms

By MELISSA NELSON  
The Associated Press

PENSACOLA BEACH, Fla. — Brewing in the Gulf of Mexico, Tropical Storm Claudette was bringing heavy rain to the Florida Panhandle on Sunday, likely becoming the first tropical storm to strike the U.S. mainland this year.

Claudette had winds of at least 50 mph, but was not expected to cause significant flooding or wind damage. Lurking more ominously in the Atlantic was Tropical Storm Bill, which was quickly turning into a powerful storm over warm waters in the open Atlantic with sustained winds of 65 mph. Ana, a tropical storm that had also

been churning in the Atlantic, had weakened to a depression.

Heavy rain began in the afternoon in Pensacola as Claudette approached. On Pensacola Beach, the National Park Service closed low-lying roads that connect the restaurants and hotels to the undeveloped National Seashore and historic Fort Pickens Fort. The Park Service said campers would be ordered to leave the area because of the likelihood of the road flooding.

In Panama City, the Bay County Emergency Operations Center opened a shelter at a local high school for residents of low-lying areas and people with special needs.

Earlier along Pensacola Beach, surfers under gray skies enjoyed the waves and

tourists mingled on the beach, despite a tropical storm warning covering most of the Panhandle, from the Alabama state line to the Suwannee River more than 300 miles to the east.

Rainfall of 3 to 5 inches was expected, with isolated areas getting up to 10 inches, forecasters said.

Pensacola Beach is still recovering from Hurricane Ivan, which devastated the western Florida Panhandle and parts of Alabama in 2004.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Claudette was about 40 miles west-southwest of Apalachicola and moving northwest near 14 mph. Its center was expected to reach the northern Gulf Coast by Sunday evening.

Meanwhile, Ana's winds had diminished to 35 mph and was expected to make landfall at the Leeward Islands early Monday. Watches were posted for Puerto Rico, the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, Antigua, St. Maarten and several other islands. Ana was forecast to bring 2 to 4 inches of rain.

Tropical Storm Bill, however, was intensifying far from land in the open Atlantic, and could become a hurricane late Sunday or on Monday.

In the Pacific, Hurricane Guillermo had winds that had dropped to 85 mph, and it was expected to lose steam in the next day. Guillermo was moving west at 14 mph, about 995 miles east of Hilo, Hawaii, and didn't threaten any land.



NOAH BERGER/AP

A firefighter battles the Lockheed Fire on Friday as it threatens to jump a road in Santa Cruz County, Calif.

## Calif. fire crews work against tough terrain

By JULIANA BARBASSA  
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Hot, dry winds and high temperatures continued to fan wildfires across California on Sunday, pushing firefighters into rugged terrain to contain the flames even as they watch for new blazes.

"We're very cautious," said CalFire spokesman Daniel Berlant. "Things are so dry out there that it doesn't take much for a spark or an ember to quickly develop into a wildfire."

A fire near the Santa Cruz mountain communities of Swanton and Bonny Doon was about 50 percent contained Sunday, after burning 10 square miles since Wednesday and leading to mandatory evacuations of about 2,400 residents. The blaze threatened more than 250 homes and had damaged two outbuildings. More crews were arriving to fight the flames, totaling 2,165 firefighters on Sunday.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Santa Cruz's Lockheed Fire was among 11 burning in the state. A state of emergency was declared in the county, while other blazes forced evacuations and knocked out power in other parts of the state.

A fire in Yuba County, north of Sacramento, had burned more than 3 square miles after jumping the Yuba River and moving away from the Sierra Nevada foothills

community of Dobbins, which had been threatened. About 120 residents who had left their homes were able to return, Berlant said.

"It's being fanned by the wind," he said.

That fire, which was ignited by burning feathers from a red-tailed hawk that flew into a power line, was more than 15 percent contained, but about 600 homes were still threatened Sunday. Voluntary evacuations remain in effect for parts of the community.

About 1,385 fire personnel are in the area fighting that blaze, though the steep, rough terrain made their work difficult.

In Alameda County, more than 330 firefighters were gaining ground on a grass fire that burned about 23 square miles near Tracy, said Alameda County Fire department spokeswoman Aisha Knowles.

The Corral Fire was 85 percent contained.

Meanwhile, winds were helping crews beat back a week-old wildfire in northern Santa Barbara County that investigators say was started by a camp fire used by marijuana growers.

U.S. Forest Service spokesman Joe Pasinato said the fire was 60 percent contained Sunday morning. The blaze has burned nearly 134 square miles of timber and brush in and around the Los Padres National Forest about 20 miles east of Santa Maria.

## Woodstock's legacy felt

### Modern music festivals shaped by 1969 event

By JAKE COYLE  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Today's robust festival culture owes much to Woodstock — lessons from both its incredible success and its logistical nightmares.

"It stands out in everybody's mind as the originator," said Michele Scoleri, artistic director of Bumbershoot, the annual Seattle festival that will draw tens of thousands Labor Day weekend for its 39th annual fest.

Giant rock festivals fan out every summer with ambitions for just a fraction of Woodstock's impact. They are more efficiently run, more organized and don't need warnings to avoid the brown acid.

The promoters of Woodstock — Michael Lang, Joel Rosenman, John Roberts and Artie Kornfeld — hoped their frantic, last-minute efforts would be enough to pull off what today would take a year to prepare. The concert — which drew more than 400,000 to Bethel, N.Y., Aug. 15-18, 1969 — did come off, though its many problems (the milelong traffic, the rain, the lack of food and water) only enhanced its mythology.

Woodstock was many things — a brief, innocent moment of peace and music — but it was also a trailblazer to a festival circuit that has exploded in recent years.

"A lot of them are modeled after Woodstock — Bonnaroo and Coachella, in particular," Lang said in an interview. "There was a ritual that was created that keeps getting replicated."

Woodstock was not the first big American rock festival: Monterey Pop was.

The 1967 California festival was the forerunner to rock festivals. About 200,000 attended the event, which is remembered largely for its fashionable crowds and incredible performances by Jimi Hen-

drix, Otis Redding and others.

In 1968, the Miami Pop Festival followed, which Lang also organized.

And just weeks before Woodstock was the Atlanta International Pop Festival, held at the Atlanta International Raceway.

In the years after Woodstock, much of the hippie culture was commercialized.

So, too, was the festival experience. Festivals like 1974's California Jam sprung up to capitalize on the trend.

Though the European festival circuit continued to grow, rock festivals in the U.S. generally declined in the late '70s and '80s as the music and culture shifted.

Things rebounded in the early '90s with Lollapalooza and the Warped Tour. The 30th anniversary of Woodstock in 1999 was another low point, when outraged patrons rebelled against the festival's overt capitalism and \$4 water bottles.

But in the last decade, the spirit of Woodstock (and California Jam) has been taken up by a number of well-attended, well-organized mega-festivals such as Tennessee's Bonnaroo, Southern California's Coachella and the reincarnated, Chicago-based Lollapalooza.

Now just might be the heyday of American festival-going. Lineups

are well-curated, portable toilet lines are short, security is mostly handled professionally, the sound is generally good and amenities are easily purchased. Promoters are more responsible than Woodstock's were, too, taking green measures to blunt the environmental impact and clean up after themselves.

"The enthusiasm of some of the people who go to festivals today might match those who attended Woodstock, but what's lacking is the spontaneity," said Marley Brant, author of "Join Together! Forty Years of the Rock Festival."



AP

Concert-goers sit on the roof of a Volkswagen bus at the Woodstock Music and Arts Fair at Bethel, N.Y., in August 1969.

## Suspect in '64 killings of activists dies at 73

JACKSON, Miss. — Federal authorities will continue to investigate the 1964 Mississippi killings of three civil rights workers — a case that helped pass landmark legislation — despite the death of a key suspect,

the Justice Department says.

Billy Wayne Posey, 73, died Thursday. Federal investigators were looking into his possible involvement in the June 21, 1964, killings of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, who had been working to register black voters.

Posey's funeral was Saturday in Philadelphia, Miss., the town

at the heart of the case.

On Friday afternoon, Alejandro Miyar, a spokesman for the Justice Department, said the death does not "alter our cold-case investigation." He said federal authorities are assisting state investigators who could bring state charges.

From The Associated Press



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13 cities. 12 clues. 2 people. 1 race.

# GO Urban scavenger hunt is workout for body, mind

By VICKY HALLETT  
The Washington Post

When thinking about the ideal partner for the GO Urban adventure race, Ryan Porter, 23, knew he had to pick his University of Maryland buddy Michael Hoffman, 22.

Was it Hoffman's speedy gait that made him the obvious choice? Nope. It was his obsession with treasure hunts.

Such an interest comes in handy when reaching the finish line requires following 12 location clues (An example: "Visit the man that said, 'The earth belongs to the living'"), hauling your rear end every which way to get there and then snapping a photo for proof. Which is exactly the deal with GO Urban, a multi-city race series.

"The idea is they're doing something healthy that's outside, but they don't need to prepare like they would for a marathon," explains Matt Lewis, one of the race directors. "They can choose to run or take the bus, so anyone can race."

Taxis, bikes and Segways are forbidden. The only acceptable ways to get around are by public transportation and your own two feet.

One team of Marines limited themselves to two Metro rides and ended up logging more than 15 miles on foot, while Georgetown neighbors Eileen Kurtz, 42, and Katherine Molloy, 44, had a decidedly less hard-core strategy that would include serious breaks. "We're stopping for beer along the way," Molloy said.

GO Urban joins a growing field of scavenger-hunt/obstacle-course hybrid events inspired by the CBS series "The Amazing Race." On the show,

telegenic couples trek around the globe for weeks, completing silly tasks and frantically asking for directions. The copycat races scale that action down to one day in one city and open them to all comers for about \$50 per person.

One of the most established series, Urban Dare, got its start in Washington. In 2005, Kevin Keefe wanted to design a triathlon course. "It ended up being such a pain to get permits. But I still wanted to do some sort of race," he said.

Keefe instead developed what he calls "the race where smarts can beat speed," and it turned out to be a winning idea. He has gone from organizing two events that first year (in Washington and Boston) to a list of 30. One is in San Diego, where he has relocated to live as a self-described beach bum while planning out his riddles and routes.

The key word in Keefe's slogan is, of course, the "can." Just ask Francoise Galleto, 27, and David Brown, 26, two Washingtonians whose first Urban Dare in 2007 didn't turn out quite as they'd hoped: They finished sweaty, sore and sunburned after 4 1/2 hours. "The day after, I went back to the gym. It was a wake-up call," Galleto said.

After two years of training, they entered the Urban Dare event again this spring with a very different result: Conditioned for sprinting and armed with sunscreen, they came in first, finishing in just over two hours.

"It's kind of a sneaky way for people to get exercise. The majority of my participants probably wouldn't run a 5K," said Jason Hofess, founder of High Trek Adventure. Even so, he estimates his laziest racers have to cover

at least 5 kilometers.

Porter and his treasure-hunting pal, Hoffman, tried to strike a balance between keeping up the pace and making sure they were headed to the right place, which they didn't always manage to do. And like most of their fellow competitors, the pair got slowed down by massive Metro delays and ran out of time after reaching just 10 of the 12 locations.

Participants also need to take plenty of breaks to determine where they're going. "This isn't just about putting one foot in front of the other," Keefe said. Clues aren't meant to stump people entirely, but usually they require either a brain packed full of obscure factsoids about a city or Google.

That's why Jen Cory, 28, was gripping a cell phone while jogging along Connecticut Avenue with her husband during the GO Urban race. On the other end of the line was Cory's mom, sitting at home in front of a computer and trying to make sense of a stumper. Cory's mom sent them to Restaurant Nora, which was the answer to: "America's first certified organic restaurant."

Without a smartphone in these races, you're sort of toast.

Same goes for folks who can't work with a partner, as duos are de rigueur for races. But while adding an extra person might slow you down or add possible conflict, having the support equals more motivation. "We had to keep the other one going. Doing it by yourself would have made it a lot harder," explained 27-year-old Brian Lambert, one of those hard-charging Marines.

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## FACES

the guy  
with the  
'Goods'

Jeremy Piven, left, stars — along with, from left, David Koechner, Kathryn Hahn and Ving Rhames — in the comedy flick "The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard." Piven, who stars on the TV show "Entourage," says he feels like the movie role was written for Vince Vaughn. "This guy is so Vince that I ended up doing homage to Vince playing him — that rapid-fire, swaggering thing."

AP

## Jeremy Piven leaves his entourage behind for a lead role in a new movie

By ROGER MOORE  
The Orlando Sentinel

Jeremy Piven wasn't always a motor-mouth. The three-time Emmy winner, fast-talking agent of HBO's "Entourage," faster-talking hustler of scores of movies, says it's the nature of his career that gave him his patter.

"Listen to me now. Am I a fast talker? Very slow talker in real life," he says. "But working, I do feel the need to give my scenes some sort of pace. And you know, thinking about it, that must come from having tiny roles for so long. I would always see how much I could get into one scene. I still do that. You look at my first 20 movies — 'Singles,' 'Say Anything,' I was talking at the speed of light, like firing buckshot, trying a WHOLE lot of things that might hit."

He chuckles at that. "Old habits die hard. I have, ever since then, gravitated toward abrasive, fast-talking hustlers. That's my bread and butter. But I've played the soft, put-upon best friend a lot, too. 'Serendipity,' for instance."

Yes, but "Serendipity" (2001)

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was P.E. — pre-"Entourage." Those were the days when J.P. could only truly count on work as a sidekick to his lifelong pal John Cusack. With "Entourage," Piven has heat. He's followed by the tabloids. He got the full tabloid blitz when he pulled out of

a Broadway production of "Speed the Plow" because of mercury poisoning — "too much sushi," he said. Nobody bought it until A) his doctor backed him up and B) Web sites such as thefoodsection.com pointed out just how easy it would be to OD on sushi. "Sushi rehab," they suggested.

Now Piven faces even more heat. He's the lead in a movie. "The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard," has Piven fronting a crew of hustlers — Ed Helms, Ving Rhames, Ken Jeong — as used-car salesfolk who "move the metal," helping distressed dealerships slash

prices and sell cars.

"Car sales are down 40 percent," Piven says. "This is happening right now. Guys who own dealerships have to call mercenaries like (his character) Don Ready in to turn things around."

"I read this script and said, 'What, was this written for Vince Vaughn?' This guy is so Vince that I ended up doing homage to Vince playing him — that rapid-fire, swaggering thing."

He's laughed off "sushi-gate" and doesn't let the lack of an Emmy nomination for "Entourage" this year ruffle him. At 44, it's all good.

"I was 40 movies into my career before things started happening," Piven says. "I've been lucky enough to do things in the right order, I think, the way this career is supposed to go. You apprentice a job, and then you get your shot. This is my shot, name above the title. None of this is lost on me."



# Seattle man gets 4 years for secret arsenal

By IAN ITH  
The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — To everyone who knew him, Ronald Struve was not the kind of man who would one day be arrested by federal agents and, at age 67, be sent off to prison for four years on weapons charges.

He was the jovial bachelor uncle, the eccentric, introverted pack rat who loved his pet birds and fed the wild critters that came to his back porch. For four decades, he went to work every day as a court stenographer, and he even shared a Kirkland, Wash., rental house with a King County sheriff's deputy for a while.

But during the decades of the Cold War, Struve also believed it was only a matter of time before the Soviets or the Red Chinese came storming onto U.S. soil. So, quietly, Struve collected an arsenal and stuck it away in rented storage lockers in the Washington cities of Bellevue and Spokane: grenade launchers, dozens of grenades and machine guns, plastic explosives, silencers, blasting caps and detonator cord.

The Cold War ended, of course, and

## Weapons collected during Cold War discovered in storage lockers

Struve quit worrying so much. But he just couldn't bear to part with his collection.

Then one day he failed to pay the bill on the locker. Someone bought the contents at auction; Struve's secret was out.

On Friday, U.S. District Judge Marsha Pechman sentenced Struve to 48 months in prison, three years of probation and mental-health counseling, saying, "The bottom line is, people simply should not have these things and that's why we have laws against them. Your collections have put other people at risk for decades."

Struve pleaded guilty in March to one count of possessing plastic explosives and four counts of possessing unregistered firearms. In return, the government dropped more than 100 other counts against him.

When agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives searched the Bellevue locker in November 2008, one veteran agent said, "In all my years, I've never seen this sort of firepower in one place."

They tallied two grenade launchers, 54 grenades, six big blocks of C4 plastic explosive, 37 machine guns from the Vietnam War era, among other weapons. One of the grenades had been "dud-fired," meaning the pin had been pulled and it potentially still could go off with a mere jiggle. Many of the items turned out to be stolen from the military long ago.

The agents also found more weapons in a locker Struve rented in Spokane. When they arrested Struve at his Spokane home, they said he told them he might use the weapons "someday," against "the enemy."

"The scope of the arsenal in this case was simply breathtaking," Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Woods said. "Quite simply, this was one of the largest arsenals for one person in this region's history."

In a letter to the judge, Struve said he started collecting weapons on the black market in the 1960s as the Vietnam War raged. "As a young man, I became an anti-communist and that influenced my thoughts

and beliefs," he wrote. "I thought there was a strong possibility we (the U.S.) would be attacked by the Russians/Red Chinese."

But as the years went by, Struve wrote, he had been "modifying and tempering my beliefs and thoughts about world events and politics in general."

Even so, he was devoted to his collection and figured it might be worth something, he wrote. He tried to keep the weapons safe, he said. And he emphasized that he never fired any of them.

"I am not a violent person and have never knowingly hurt another person," he wrote.

His former roommate, retired sheriff's Capt. James O'Brien, recounted that when the two shared a house in Kirkland many years ago, the raccoons and squirrels made a nightly pilgrimage to their back door for Struve's handouts.

"Ron has always been a quiet, friendly and caring person, close to his family in California," O'Brien wrote. "Ron is a good person who had made some bad choices."

### WEATHER OUTLOOK

#### Monday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Abilene, Tex.	99	76	Clr	Des Moines	86	64	PCldy	Macon	92	70	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	85	65	PCldy	Detroit	86	69	Rain	Madison	86	67	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	89	66	Clr	Duluth	81	53	PCldy	Medford	83	53	Clr
Albuquerque	91	63	PCldy	El Paso	97	72	PCldy	Memphis	94	74	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	86	63	PCldy	Elkins	85	60	PCldy	Miami Beach	88	81	PCldy
Amarillo	92	65	PCldy	Erie	83	69	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	99	73	Clr
Anchorage	60	m	Cldy	Eugene	74	55	Clr	Millwaukee	86	68	Cldy
Asheville	83	63	Cldy	Evansville	70	50	PCldy	Mpls-St Paul	82	64	PCldy
Atlanta	90	70	Cldy	Fairbanks	57	m	Cldy	Missoula	60	45	PCldy
Atlantic City	86	64	PCldy	Fargo	78	51	Cldy	Mobile	89	73	Rain
Austin	99	76	PCldy	Flagstaff	79	40	Clr	Montgomery	92	73	Rain
Baltimore	86	66	PCldy	Flint	85	67	Rain	Nashville	94	72	Cldy
Baton Rouge	93	75	Rain	Fort Smith	93	73	PCldy	New Orleans	90	77	Rain
Billings	71	48	PCldy	Fort Wayne	87	66	Cldy	New York City	88	72	PCldy
Birmingham	91	73	Rain	Fresno	92	63	Clr	Newark	91	71	PCldy
Bismarck	82	51	Cldy	Goodland	90	55	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	80	69	PCldy
Boise	73	54	Clr	Grand Junction	91	52	Clr	North Platte	85	52	Cldy
Boston	87	72	Clr	Grand Rapids	86	70	Rain	Oklahoma City	92	74	PCldy
Bridgeport	88	68	PCldy	Great Falls	64	47	PCldy	Omaha	82	61	PCldy
Brownsville	98	79	PCldy	Green Bay	85	66	Cldy	Orlando	92	75	PCldy
Buffalo	87	69	Clr	Greensboro, N.C.	89	68	Cldy	Paducah	90	71	PCldy
Burlington, Vt.	89	66	Clr	Harrisburg	87	66	Clr	Pendleton	76	54	Clr
Caribou, Maine	85	62	PCldy	Hartford Spgfld	90	66	Clr	Peoria	86	69	Rain
Casper	62	41	PCldy	Helen	66	49	PCldy	Philadelphia	89	69	PCldy
Charleston, S.C.	85	72	PCldy	Honolulu	90	74	Clr	Phoenix	106	79	Clr
Charleston, W.Va.	89	66	PCldy	Houston	96	76	Cldy	Pittsburgh	87	67	PCldy
Charlotte, N.C.	87	67	Cldy	Huntsville	91	72	Rain	Pocatello	70	40	Clr
Chattanooga	92	70	Cldy	Indianapolis	88	70	Cldy	Portland, Maine	85	65	Clr
Cheyenne	75	45	PCldy	Jackson, Miss.	94	73	Rain	Portland, Ore.	67	58	Clr
Chicago	89	67	Cldy	Jacksonville	87	72	PCldy	Providence	88	68	PCldy
Cincinnati	87	68	Cldy	Juneau	55	m	Rain	Pueblo	94	53	Cldy
Cleveland	88	66	PCldy	Kansas City	89	72	Cldy	Raleigh-Durham	88	68	PCldy
Colorado Springs	86	50	Cldy	Key West	88	82	PCldy	Rapid City	76	48	Cldy
Columbia, S.C.	89	68	Cldy	Knoxville	89	68	Cldy	Reno	81	54	Clr
Columbus, Ga.	89	68	Cldy	Lake Charles	91	76	Cldy	Richmond	89	67	PCldy
Columbus, Ohio	88	72	PCldy	Lansing	85	70	Rain	Roanoke	87	66	PCldy
Concord, N.H.	90	62	Clr	Las Vegas	98	75	Clr	Rochester	86	68	Clr
Corpus Christi	98	77	PCldy	Lexington	88	68	Cldy	Rockford	86	65	Cldy
Dallas-Ft Worth	98	78	PCldy	Lincoln	84	61	PCldy	Sacramento	95	58	Clr
Dayton	86	67	Cldy	Little Rock	93	73	Cldy	St Louis	81	73	Rain
Daytona Beach	88	77	PCldy	Los Angeles	78	64	PCldy	St Petersburg	90	79	PCldy
Denver	82	53	Cldy	Louisville	90	73	Cldy	St Thomas	90	79	Rain
				Lubbock	97	71	PCldy	Salem, Ore.	72	54	Clr

#### Sunday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Amsterdam	80	59	Clr	Bermuda	86	79	Clr	Dhaka	83	81	Rain
Athens	87	68	Clr	Bogota	66	46	Rain	Dili	88	69	Cldy
Auckland	62	53	Rain	Brasilia	79	52	pc	Dubai	102	90	Clr
Baghdad	107	84	Clr	Brisbane	71	50	Clr	Dublin	67	57	Rain
Basra	114	85	Clr	Brussels	83	58	Clr	Frankfurt	82	55	Clr
Batman	99	86	Clr	Bucharest	82	64	Clr	Geneva	92	58	Clr
Bangkok	92	80	Rain	Budapest	82	50	Clr	Guatemala	81	62	pc
Barbados	87	76	Rain	Buenos Aires	75	63	Cldy	Hanoi	93	77	Rain
Barcelona	88	75	Clr	Cairo	92	74	Clr	Harare	70	46	pc
Beijing	91	75	Clr	Calgary	57	44	Rain	Havana	89	35	Rain
Beirut	90	78	Clr	Caracas	90	79	Clr	Helsinki	68	51	pc
Belgrade	81	60	pc	Colombo	86	80	pc	Hong Kong	91	82	Rain
Berlin	82	51	Clr	Copenhagen	73	57	Rain	Islamabad	94	77	Rain
				Dhahran	113	80	Clr	Istanbul	86	70	pc
								Jakarta	90	76	Clr
								Jerusalem	90	75	pc
								Johannesburg	65	40	Clr
								Kabul	95	68	Clr
								Kiev	75	57	Clr
								Kuala Lumpur	94	77	pc
								Kuwait	108	88	pc
								La Paz	60	28	Clr
								Lima	65	60	Cldy
								Lisbon	89	71	Clr
								London	74	60	pc
								Madrid	97	64	Clr
								Managua	91	75	Rain
								Manila	95	80	pc
								Mecca	108	86	Clr
								Melbourne	64	47	Clr
								Mexico City	78	59	Rain
								Montevideo	86	68	Cldy
								Montreal	86	69	Clr
								Moscow	60	51	Rain
								Nairobi	78	57	pc
								Nassau	90	74	Rain
								New Delhi	86	78	Rain
								Nice	82	72	Clr
								Osaka	87	69	Rain
								Oslo	55	42	Rain
								Panama	88	77	pc
								Paris	89	62	Clr
								Perth	61	48	Rain
								Prague	80	51	Clr
								Rio de Janeiro	80	64	Clr
								Rome	93	69	Clr
								San Jose	84	62	Rain
								San Juan	89	78	Rain
								San Salvador	87	69	pc
								Santiago	47	39	Rain
								Sao Paulo	78	56	Clr
								Sapporo	82	69	Rain
								Seoul	91	69	Clr
								Singapore	89	77	Rain
								Sofia	77	60	Rain
								Stockholm	68	44	Rain
								Sydney	71	47	Clr
								Taipei	91	80	pc
								Tegucigalpa	86	62	Rain
								Tehran	100	73	pc
								Tel Aviv	90	75	pc
								Tokyo	86	75	Clr
								Turin	84	67	Clr
								Toronto	83	68	Clr
								Tunis	97	77	Rain
								Valletta	87	75	Clr
								Vancouver	68	56	pc
								Vienna	80	55	Clr
								Warsaw	72	49	Clr
								Zurich	84	54	Clr



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MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	(2:45) Movie "The Electric Horseman" (1979, Western) Robert Redford, Jane Fonda, Willie Nelson.	State of the Union With John King	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty Battleground	Designers' Challenge The Soup	Golf PGA Championship -- Final Round. From Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn.	Baseball Tonight
15:30		The Brady Bunch							
16:00	The View	Movie "Jump In!" (2007, Drama) Corbin Bleu, Keke Palmer, David Reivers.		Week-Pentagon Up to the Minute	Oprah Winfrey	Tour of Duty Week-Pentagon	Lost Worlds King Henry VIII.		MLB Baseball Kansas City Royals at Detroit Tigers. From Comerica Park in Detroit. (Same-day Tape)
16:30									
17:00	Dr. Phil		Entertainers		Wheel of Fortune Jeopardy!	VA News Downrange	King of the Hill That '70s Show		
17:30		SpongeBob SquarePants		Face the Nation					
18:00	Judge Alex	Robot Boy	Entertainment Tonight	Newsroom	Wall Street Jnl	EXchange on Air	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
18:30	The King of Queens	Kim Possible			Around the Services	Army Newswatch	The Colbert Report		
19:00	Access Hollywood	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005, Romance-Comedy) Steve Carell, Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd.	Fox and Friends First	60 Minutes	Briefing Encore Fit For Duty	Doctor Who "Evolution of the Daleks" (Part 2 of 2)		WWE SmackDown!
19:30	Judge Judy	Growing Up Creepie		Today	NCIS "Silent Night"	Battleground Recon	Reaper Morgan and Sam spend more time together.	SportsCenter	
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Hannah Montana							Pros vs. Joes
20:30		Unfabulous							
21:00	General Hospital	Smallville "Crimson"	(10:10) Movie "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde" (2003, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Sally Field.	Today	Big Brother 11	Week-Pentagon The Grill Sergeants	Ghost Whisperer "Stage Fright"	Quick Pitch	
21:30									Important Things-Martin
22:00	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "U4EA"		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Jimmy"	ATP Tennis Rogers Cup -- Final. From Montreal. (Taped)	MLB Baseball: White Sox at Athletics
22:30									
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Nobody Knows..."	Movie "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986) Clint Eastwood.	Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Recon Revisited Today's Air Force	Friends Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	(11:00) Movie "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986) Clint Eastwood.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	The American Veteran	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:30) ATP Tennis Rogers Cup -- Final. From Montreal.	(11:00) MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Oakland Athletics. From Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum in Oakland, Calif.
00:30	Jeopardy!	Growing Up Creepie				Fit For Duty			
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana	(10:10) Movie "Police Academy" (1984) Steve Guttenberg. A police academy opens its doors to some motley misfits.	Happening Now	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	The Grill Sergeants	Criminal Minds "Lessons Learned"	SportsCenter	
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Unfabulous			Judge Judy	Around the Services			
2:00	60 Minutes	Smallville "Crimson"		Newsroom	CSI: NY "Zoo York" A tiger kills a man.	Downrange All Hands TV	NCIS The body of a missing lance corporal is found.	SportsCenter	WWE SmackDown!
2:30									
3:00	NCIS "Silent Night"	Beverly Hills, 90210 "U4EA"	Movie "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell, Paul Rudd. Three co-workers unite to help their buddy get a sex life.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	October Road "Pilot" An author returns to his hometown.	SportsCenter	
3:30						State Dept Briefing			
4:00	Big Brother 11	7th Heaven "Nobody Knows..."		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Jimmy"	Outside the Lines	Pros vs. Joes
4:30						Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(10:10) Movie "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde" (2003) Reese Witherspoon. A young lawyer fights for animal rights.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Today's Air Force	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	Important Things-Martin
5:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House		Glenn Beck	Headline News	The American Veteran	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome Is Burning	The Man Show Visit to a spa.
6:00		Sesame Street			Good Morning America	Downrange	30-Minute Meals	Around the Horn	Comedy Central Presents
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Peep-Big World	Entertainers	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Briefing Encore	Get Fresh With Sara Snow	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:00									
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	JoJo's Circus		NBC Nightly News		This Week in the Pentagon	The Dan Ho Show	Monday Night Countdown	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at New York Mets. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y. (Live)
8:00		Go, Diego, Go!	Entertainment Tonight	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet		
8:30	Judge Judy	My Friends Tigger & Pooh		CBS Evening News		Around the Services			
9:00	CSI: NY "Zoo York" A tiger kills a man.	Raggs	Movie "One Last Dance" (2003) Patrick Swayze, Lisa Niemi. Dancers stage a performance to save their mentor's studio.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon	Mad About You	NFL Preseason Football Carolina Panthers at New York Giants. From Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. (Live)	
9:30		Aladdin				State Dept Briefing	Living Single (Part 1 of 2)		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Bratz		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30		Animaniacs				AFN Europe Report			
11:00	Dr. Phil	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!	(10:55) Movie "A River Runs Through It" (1992) Craig Sheffer. A portrait of the relationship between a preacher's sons.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	This Week in the Pentagon	E! News		MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Oakland Athletics. From Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum in Oakland, Calif. (Live)
11:30		Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!			The King of Queens	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	CBS Evening News	SpongeBob SquarePants		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "That Which Survives"	SportsCenter	
12:30	ESPN News	SpongeBob SquarePants			Judge Judy	Around the Services			
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Sylvester & Tweety	(10:55) Movie "Coal Miner's Daughter" (1980) Sissy Spacek. Loretta Lynn rises from rural poverty to music stardom.	Campbell Brown	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Roseanne "Valentine's Day"	NFL Live	
13:30		Syl Why!				Downrange	Girlfriends	Baseball Tonight	
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Pinky Dinky Doo		My World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Quick Pitch
14:30	World News-Gibson	Jakers! The Adventures				EXchange on Air			
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	(15:15) Movie "Mary Reilly" (1996) Julia Roberts, John Malkovich. Chambermaid gains confidence of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design Remix	SportsCenter	NFL Total Access
15:30		The Brady Bunch		Around the Services		Battleground	Curb Appeal		
16:00	The View	Movie "Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase" (2001) Voices of Joe Alaskey, Bob Bergen.		Tavis Smiley	Oprah Winfrey	Today's Air Force	Lost Worlds "Herod the Great" Herod's Temple.	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Texas Rangers. From Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Texas. (Same-day Tape)	MTV Hits Playlist
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17:00	Dr. Phil		Movie Mob	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		SpongeBob SquarePants	Mallin's Secret's Out	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Punk'd
18:00	Judge Alex	Robot Boy	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	This Week in the Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30	The King of Queens	Kim Possible	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	All Hands TV	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "Old School" (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	NUMB3RS "Jack of All Trades"	Briefing Encore	Deal or No Deal Contestants get a chance to win money.	SportsCenter	WWE Monday Night Raw
19:30	Judge Judy	6TEEN		Today	The Game	Fit For Duty			
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Hannah Montana			Worst Week "The Vows"	Battleground	The Biggest Loser: Families	Quick Pitch	
20:30		True Jackson, VP	(10:40) Movie "The Four Feathers" (2002, Adventure) Heath Ledger, Wes Bentley, Kate Hudson. A former soldier tries to help his old regiment in Africa.	Today	Bones "The Beaver in the Otter"	Recon Revisited	The Biggest Loser: Families		
21:00	General Hospital	Summerland Johnny's silent partner is a sexy divorcee.				Around the Services	The Biggest Loser: Families	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. (Same-day Tape Subject to Blackout)	The Salt 'N' Pepa Show
21:30						Pacific Report			Snoop Dogg's Father Hood
22:00	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "My Desperate Valentine"		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Doodle"	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.	
22:30						USARJ This Week	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "All That Jazz"	(10:55) Movie "Internal Affairs" (1990) Richard Gere.	Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	The Grill Sergeants	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

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00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	(10:55) Movie "Internal Affairs" (1990) Richard Gere.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	SportsCenter	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	6TEEN				Fit For Duty			Punk'd
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana	(10:45) Movie "The Legend of Bagdad Vance" (2000, Drama) Will Smith, Matt Damon. A mystical caddy helps an ex-golfer regain his swing.	Happening Now	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Recon	Battlestar Galactica "Revelations"	SportsCenter	The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	True Jackson, VP			Judge Judy	Around the Services			Family Guy
2:00	NUMB3RS "Jack of All Trades"	Summerland Johnny's silent partner is a sexy divorcee.		Newsroom	CSI: NY "Corporate Warriors"	Downrange	Supernatural "Pilot"	NFL Preseason Football Carolina Panthers at New York Giants. From Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.	WWE Monday Night Raw
2:30						Today's Air Force			
3:00	The Game	Beverly Hills, 90210 "My Desperate Valentine"	(10:55) Movie "Old School" (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon Revisited	The Unit Jonas seeks revenge for the death of his colleague.		
3:30	Worst Week "The Vows"					State Dept Briefing			
4:00	Bones "The Beaver in the Otter"	7th Heaven "All That Jazz"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Doodle"		The Salt 'N' Pepa Show
4:30						Around the Services	Friends		Snoop Dogg's Father Hood
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

## Option to transfer benefit

I applaud the benefits given to service-members under the post-9/11 GI Bill, but I am angry at the transfer eligibility requirements.

I understand this is being used as a retention tool but, for retirees who have served honorably for 20-plus years to not be given the option or right to transfer this benefit is a real slap in the face.

I retired after 21 years in the Air Force in September 2007 and this bill was not fully drafted, so there was no way to make an informed decision at that time, but for me it was the right time to retire. Now, I'm being discriminated against because of my retirement date.

I would like to transfer this benefit to my spouse because I feel I am beyond schooling years, and the age gap between me and my wife makes her a better prospect for utilizing the benefit.

There should be an amendment to the bill to allow honorably discharged retirees the same transfer rights, or at least a percentage of the benefits, to a spouse or child. Right now, I feel as if I served, retired and [was told] good riddance.

Master Sgt. James Fernacz (retired)  
Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan

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## 'Growing up' story hit home

I am writing because I feel like I have to talk to someone about "Growing up a world away" (article, Aug. 13). After reading it,

## Have faith media will praise Obama

BY KATHLEEN PARKER

Oh, for those halcyon days when our biggest worry was whether the federal "faith-based" office might encourage a homeless person to find Jesus.

Remember that?

Hardly anyone talks much about the faith-based initiative begun by President George W. Bush and expanded by President Barack Obama. And there was barely a murmur about Obama's appointee to head the program, Joshua DuBois, a 27-year-old Pentecostal preacher.

A comparison of how the media have treated the two presidents and their faith-based programs during the first six months of their administrations is the subject of a new study by the Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism and the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.

The findings suggest a very different standard applied to each president.

When George W. Bush introduced the concept of a faith-based office, the original vision was to help nonprofit charities get government support to help feed the hungry and house the homeless. From the reaction, you'd have thought Bush was trying to install a caliphate. Indeed, most newspaper stories focused on the blurring of church and state.

By contrast, when Obama upgraded and renamed the program — The White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships — most stories focused on procedural questions and a new, 25-member

faith-based advisory council. Few, if any, headlines questioned whether Obama might be using his faith-based office to advance liberal policies, whereas Bush was under persistent fire for allegedly pushing (horrors) a pro-life agenda. ...

The Pew study used keyword searches to identify stories for analysis — a total of 331 newspaper articles from January to June 2001 (281) and from January to June 2009 (50). During the Bush years, stories were 50 percent more likely to be on the front page than in 2009, and separation of church and state was the top concern in 2001.

The study takes a stab at explaining these discrepancies. One obvious explanation is that the program was new under Bush. By the time Obama rolled into town, it was a known (and not very threatening) quantity. And Obama inherited a full menu of demanding issues. ... Who has time to nitpick nonprofits helping the poor?

Not so fast, says Michael Cromartie, vice president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center (and director of the Evangelicals in Civic Life program). Cromartie insists that the disparate levels of scrutiny can't be attributed only to timing and busy schedules.

"Sure, there's always a lot going on in Washington with any new administration. But can you imagine the outcry if Bush had hired a 27-year-old Pentecostal preacher to run the faith-based office and surrounded him with a 25-member advisory board made up of people largely sympathetic to his policy agenda?"

I could not stop crying because I am in the same situation, except that I am active duty.

I left two girls behind, one was 3 and the other barely 6 months. I have been gone for about four months and there isn't a day that goes by that I do not think of them.

Like Sgt. Ashley Calhoun, my fear is that my little one will not know me and, when I go back and take her from where she is, she will resent me.

I guess I have it easier than Ashley because I am dual military and my husband and I are both here at Forward Operating Base Fenty, Afghanistan. That makes it harder on the girls though, because they are with my mom and my sisters. When we get back, we will have to move them from what they knew as their home for the eight months I was deployed.

In a way I consider myself lucky because I deployed late and got to spend the first six months with my baby, making my deployment only eight months.

I feel much better now that I have put this in writing.

Capt. Reyna J. Andreol  
Forward Operating Base Fenty,  
Afghanistan

In fact, Bush appointed University of Pennsylvania political science professor John DiJulio, a Democrat, to run his program. Cromartie maintains that the greater attention to Bush was because the media were suspicious that his faith-based initiative was an attempt to install a theocracy.

Bush can be partly blamed for this perception, having once said that God wanted him to be president. He also told Bob Woodward that in making decisions about Iraq, he didn't consult his temporal father — the former president, George H.W. Bush — but yielded to a higher Father.

Obama, who, in fact, invokes Jesus in speeches more often than Bush did, according to an analysis by Politico, not only embraced Bush's initiative, but has given it the loaves-and-fishes treatment by expanding the mission. As described by DuBois in a video posted on the White House blog, the office's mission extends even to "figuring out the role of faith-based organizations in combating global climate change."

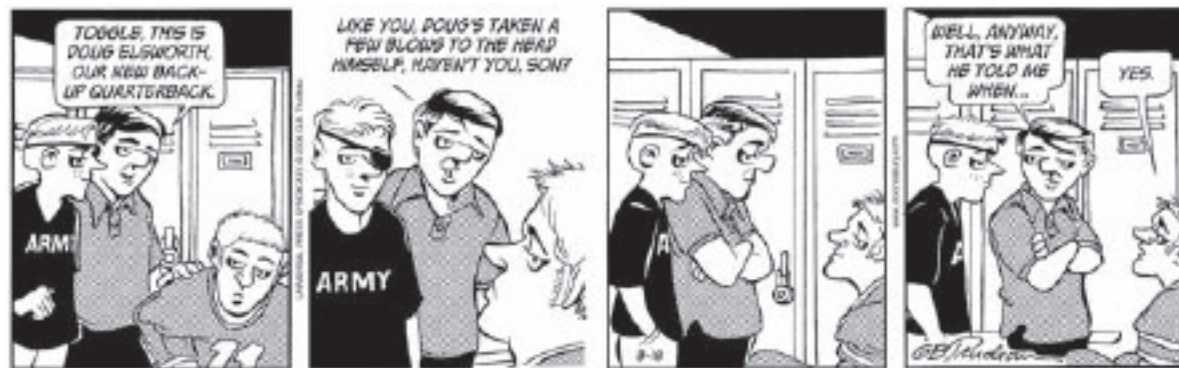
Why does Obama get a pass?

In part, because he's not Bush. But also, perhaps, because the media are more approving of the issues and policies Obama wants to advance.

One may argue, as Bush critics have, that the previous administration similarly tried to advance policy through its faith-based office. What one may not argue is that Obama has been treated to the same scrutiny as his predecessor.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU





## OPINION

## Health care reform starts with insurers

By DAN K. THOMASSON

Scripps Howard News Service

Everyone has one — a health insurance horror story, that is. Some, of course, are far worse than others, but they share one common thread, the corporate dedication to excessive profit at the expense of subscribers.

There was the one about the young girl who was denied coverage of a liver transplant until pressure finally forced her family's insurer to relent. Unfortunately she died three days after the company caved. Then there was the example of the lady with serious cancer problems whose insurance was canceled on grounds that she had falsified her application by not including the fact that she had once had acne. Those who determine such things reasoned that her youthful skin condition might have been a precursor to her cancer in later life and was therefore a pre-existing condition.

My own experience was far less dramatic or heart-wrenching. When my son began playing football in high school, I signed up for supplemental insurance sold by the school that would cover the cost of any injury beyond my own major medical plan. In his junior year he suffered a shoulder separation that needed surgical repair. The residue of the cost not covered by my own policy amounted to about \$1,000, not a huge amount by today's standards but significant for the time. I immediately filed a claim with the supplemental carrier and found myself in a bureaucratic swamp filled with demands that went on for weeks.

Nothing seemed to satisfy the company,

which, mind you, was no fly-by-night but one of the giants still in business today. Months passed during which I provided no less than three affidavits from doctors attesting to the need for the surgery. Meanwhile, the bill needed to be paid and my credit was suffering. I finally threw up my hands and paid it off, wrote a nasty letter to the insurer and went on my way. That was exactly what the company wanted from a deliberate tactic time-honored in the industry to wear out a claimant, especially one seeking an amount he or she could afford to lose.

With the Obama administration locked in an increasingly volatile battle over how to improve the nation's health system, which accounts for more than 16 percent of the economy, one thing seems certain — nothing can be accomplished either in stemming the runaway costs or improving the level of care without a thorough overhaul of the insurance industry. This should come from several different directions, not the least of which is to attack the root cause of defensive medicine, including the exorbitant medical malpractice premiums that force doctors to order needless tests just to protect themselves from lawsuits.

These premiums, if my doctor and lawyer friends are correct, are assessed even though, as one lawyer explained, "only an insane lawyer takes on a malpractice suit against a doctor that isn't 99 percent provable, and there aren't many of those." He explained that state caps on awards and other restrictions and the requirement of testimony from another doctor or expert make a successful result far too difficult, so much so that most lawyers steer clear of



these suits. Yet the industry has convinced most physicians that they are not safe without high-priced insurance. It is one of the system's costliest scams.

Then there is the problem of portability and pre-existing conditions. If reform should be sought anywhere at this time, it is in the current inability to carry insurance from one job to another and to eliminate the practice of denying coverage of a medical condition that existed before application. It is a devastating practice that causes millions of Americans a high

degree of misery and forces them to make lifetime decisions based not on what is best for them personally but on the fear of losing their insurance.

So before they do anything, the president and the Congress should begin the health care reformation with an examination of insurance industry practices as a basic means of holding down costs and freeing millions of Americans from the bondage of a flawed system.

Dan K. Thomasson is former editor of Scripps Howard News Service.

## It's the side effects that make Obamacare painful

By JAY AMBROSE

Scripps Howard News Service

Maybe you've caught one of those TV commercials that tells you all the terrific stuff about some product that will get rid of sexual dysfunction or pimples or maybe depression, and then, by obligation of law, adds that there are some possible side effects, such as the loss of toes, the growing of a second nose and death.

If you're like me, you find yourself imagining some potential customer thinking to himself, well, it might be a nice thing to get rid of that pimple, but sporting a second nose? Perhaps not. And "perhaps not" is pretty much what lots of Americans are now saying as they look at an Obama health care plan promising a world of good but accompanied by side effects that just might give us a world of hurt.

The chief pitch is that everyone will get a shot at obtaining affordable insurance, through a government-run program if nothing else, but then comes a major, sink-the-ship consequence of that means of achieving a supposedly happy end.

By independent, nonpartisan calculation, the cost will be an amount that neither taxes nor deficits can handle without economic mayhem unless something is first done about Medicare's \$40 trillion of unfunded liabilities. President Barack Obama says that by letting the present situation continue, you get a crash, which is true and means precisely this: Take care of the system's cost issues before you even dream of adding incredible new costs, and then cut out the dreaming. Figure out a cheap solution.

Supposing the president were under the

same legal constraints as the pharmaceutical companies advertising on TV — forced to discuss side effects — he would have to admit something else about this government program. By competing unfairly with private programs, it will eventually become the only show in town, giving us the disastrous kind of single-payer systems found in Canada and England and cheered by the left with their rationing, the waits in line and more, much more.

Rationing, of course, is the dirty little secret of this reform. Although in euphemistic terms, the president has discussed it and has made clear he wants to find ways to edge us toward the use of fewer and fewer treatments seen as superfluous or useless. There are models of inexpensive, controlled, good care, but everything we know about the Obama approach is that it would simply increase government control

over fundamental medical decisions, not lead us through market mechanisms to something like those models.

Sarah Palin has gone so far as to talk about death panels, and I was initially flabbergasted. With all the sound arguments against these initiatives, why would she parade a gross stupidity that reform supporters would leap on as a supposed example of just how baseless all criticism of reform proposals was? But the reform proposals are complex and obscure and aimed at extending governmental power in hundreds of ways, and it turns out there is material in one bill about advisory panels that could conceivably someday be given authority beyond mere advice.

To say as much is not to defend Palin's far-fetched imaginings so much as to say it's almost impossible to know all we should about the Obama plan. The administration

and Congress have been in an utterly irresponsible, politically motivated hurry, the legislative compilations run to 1,000 pages and more, there are several versions of the basic ideas and it's almost impossible to figure out where all of this would take us.

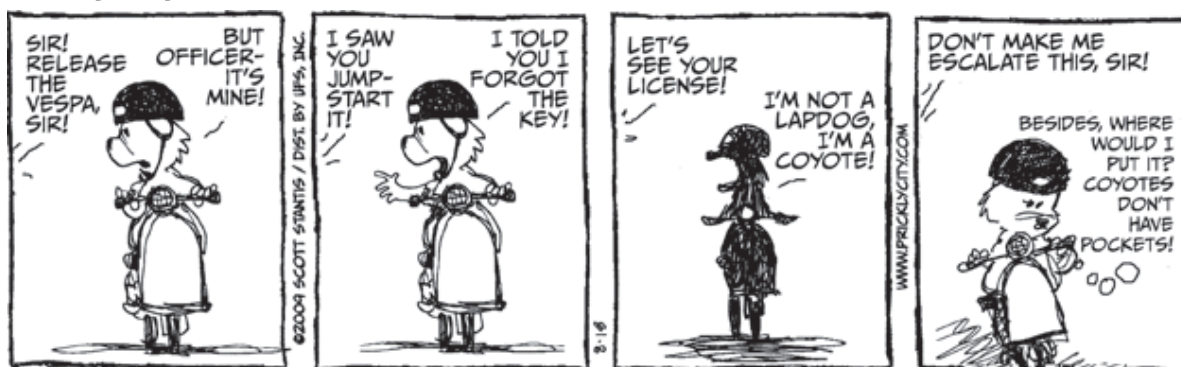
Here resides much of the public angst. Millions of lives will be affected by what Congress does, and we've had the exact opposite of what was needed, a temperate, prudent, step-by-step effort to address one portion of the issue at a time. The groups confronting congressional representatives should aim more for politeness, but a bigger outrage than their shouting is the left-wing propagandists calling them "mobs."

They're not that at all. They are people interested in side effects.

Jay Ambrose, formerly Washington director of editorial policy for Scripps Howard newspapers and the editor of dailies in El Paso, Texas, and Denver, is a columnist living in Colorado.

## Prickly City

By SCOTT STANTIS





## Milk plant suffers ammonia leak

**NY** ROCHESTER — Two Rochester police officers are being treated for exposure to ammonia fumes after a leak at a milk processing plant.

Fire officials say a buildup of pressure occurred and ammonia leaked from a valve at the Upstate Farms Cooperative Inc. plant about 4 a.m.

Officials said the officers exposed to the fumes were taken to a hospital for observation and a family of six living across the street from the plant were treated at the scene. None of the 25 to 30 employees inside the plant were injured.

Fire officials say the situation is under control and an investigation has started to determine how the ammonia cloud was released.

## Police chief pleads guilty to DWI, resigns post

**VA** ALEXANDRIA — Former Alexandria Police Chief David P. Baker has been sentenced to five days in jail after pleading guilty to drunken driving charges.

Baker pleaded guilty in Arlington General District Court, acknowledging that his blood-alcohol level was between .15 and .20.

Last month, Baker was arrested after he was involved in a car accident in Arlington. He had a blood-alcohol level of 0.19, more than twice the legal limit. He stepped down from his post a few days later, retiring after serving 19 years.

At the plea hearing, a judge sentenced Baker to 180 days in jail, but suspended all but five. Baker also must pay fines and attend an alcohol safety program, and will lose his driver's license for the next year.

## Funding ride planned for soldier memorial

**VT** BARRE — The design of a granite memorial honoring the 35 Vermont soldiers who have given their lives in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan is almost complete, but funding the project is still a challenge.

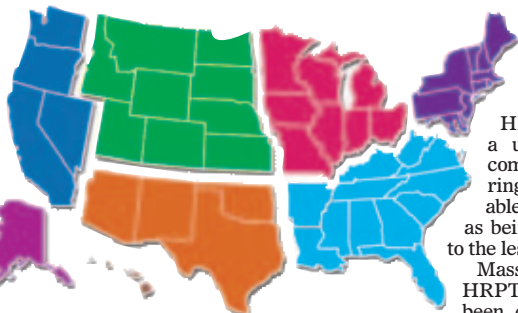
Marion Gray, spokeswoman for Vermont Fallen Families who lost her stepson in Iraq in 2004, said an Aug. 29 Ride to Remember invites anyone to remember the soldiers by visiting at least five of the 27 Vermont towns that were home to them.

The Barre Montpelier Times Argus reports riders can travel in any kind of vehicle, in groups, or individually, but are encouraged to spread the word about the memorial wherever they visit. They can collect tokens with the soldier's names from participating businesses. Donations and pledges will be tallied and prizes will be awarded.

## Officials snap up cheap land for public parks

**DC** WASHINGTON — Local and state governments in the Washington area are taking advantage of depressed real estate prices to snap up land for parks and wildlife refuges on the cheap.

Officials in Montgomery County, Md., agreed last month to buy



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

53 acres of wetlands and woods on the eastern edge of the county for \$8.75 million — roughly half the amount it was appraised for in December.

Virginia was able to get a \$2 million discount last month on 1,100 acres of forested waterfront land in Stafford County known as the Crow's Nest.

## Petition puts firefighters, councilwoman at odds

**TX** HOUSTON — An investigation is under way into allegations that a Houston Fire Department engine truck was recently taken out of service while four firefighters went to their union hall to sign affidavits distancing themselves from a City Councilwoman.

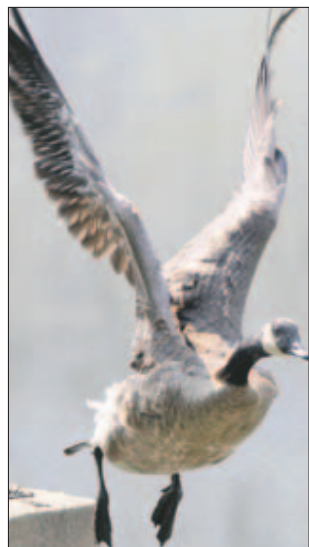
Councilwoman Jolanda Jones released a letter last week with the names of nearly 70 firefighters who said they supported her efforts to call attention to discrimination problems at the fire department.

Four firefighters later signed statements saying they never authorized their names to be used on the letter and asked for an investigation.

## Company sues state over fair rent law wording

**HI** HONOLULU — The state has been sued in federal court by the largest private owner of industrial land in Hawaii.

HRPT Properties Trust alleges a new law intended to give its tenants more leverage renegotiating rents is unconstitutional.



## Landing gear down

A Canada goose comes in for a landing on the Chagrin River in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

The law affecting some of the more than 180 businesses that lease land from HRPT on Oahu requires a unique phrase in the company's leases referring to "fair and reasonable" rent to be construed as being fair and reasonable to the lessor and the lessee.

Massachusetts-based HRPT has said tenants have been citing the new law in an effort to avoid paying what the company believes to be market rate rent.

## Father dies pulling daughter from water

**NY** NEW YORK — A New York City man trying to help his young daughter out of the water at a Queens beach has died.

Police say Jose-Luis Olivares had gone into the water at Jacob Riis Park to pull his 8-year-old daughter to safety. His daughter made it out unharmed, but he didn't.

Instead, officers found Olivares unconscious on the beach.

The 36-year-old was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital.

Police are still investigating what happened. No foul play is suspected.

On Aug. 6, a 21-year-old man drowned after he got caught in a rip current off Jacob Riis Park.

## Missing woman's body found in Sierra cliffs

**CA** FRESNO — Rescuers found the body of a missing Clovis, Calif., woman three days after she went missing in the rugged granite cliffs near Wishon Reservoir.

Cherie Hamilton, 20, disappeared from a camp near Wishon Reservoir, in the Sierra mountains of eastern Fresno County.

Andy Aguilar, father of Hamilton's boyfriend, Matthew Aguilar, said that Hamilton and his son were walking along a road to a lake when Hamilton took a shortcut through the forest. She never returned.

## Man convicted in 2 Valentine's Day slayings

**NY** CANANDAIGUA — A nursing supervisor enraged at two co-workers who accused him of sexual harassment and got him fired from successive jobs was convicted of killing a couple during a Valentine's Day rampage that left four people dead.

After an hour and 20 minutes of deliberations, a jury convicted Frank Garcia, 35, of first-degree murder, second-degree murder and kidnapping in the Feb. 14 slayings of Kimberly and Christopher Glatz at their home in Canandaigua in western New York.

Investigators contend Garcia targeted Kimberly Glatz, 38, and nurse Mary Silliman, after their workplace complaints led to his dismissal from a nursing home in Rochester in October and a hospital in nearby Brockport in February.

Garcia will be tried separately in November for a pre-dawn attack Feb. 14 in Brockport. Silliman, 23, was slain along with Randall Norman, 41, a motorist who intervened when he saw her being roughed up in the parking lot.



## A lone sailor

Destanie Overly, 8, looks up at the lone sailor statue at the Bremerton Marina in Bremerton, Wash.



## Study break

After finishing her first week of school, sophomore Kayla May takes a nap as she waits for her mother to pick her up at Mason County High School in Maysville, Ky.



## More than a century of fun

Fairgoers crowd the midway





## Following the leader

**Carlei Leider, 2, follows the royalty entering the pow-wow before the Grand Entry at Crow Fair in Crow Agency, Mont. Carlei dressed up in traditional regalia for the annual three-day event.**



## Sniffing out a star

Elizabeth, Maine.

**A curious golden retriever wades into a tide pool after a starfish at Pond Cove in Cape**



## She's got a lot of heart

**Katherine Garcia, 4, shows off a balloon given to her at the Camillus Health Concern health fair at the Camillus House in Miami.**



on opening day of the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, Mo. The fair celebrates 107 years this season.

## Online resources announced for teachers

**VA** RICHMOND — Virginia teachers have a new online resource to help create lesson plans for their middle school and high school students.

Gov. Tim Kaine says the state has partnered with Statistical Analysis Software to provide the company's Curriculum Pathways collection of online resources to Virginia middle schools and high schools at no charge.

Kaine says the additional resources will help teachers at a time when school divisions are cutting back.

The software gives teachers content that meets state standards in English, history, science, mathematics, social science and Spanish. It can be used in both classrooms, virtual schools, small groups and by individual students.

## County looking for wild turkey hunters

**NY** MELVILLE — Wanna shoot some wild turkeys?

Then head out to Long Island this fall for Suffolk County's first-ever wild turkey hunting season — taking place just in time for Thanksgiving.

State officials say they'll allow hunters to take one bird apiece with either a bow and arrow or shotgun.

They say there are about 3,000 of the gobblers living in Suffolk County.

Local lifelong hunter Mark Wroobel says he thinks it's a "great idea" to have a turkey hunt in the area. He says hunters used to have to go upstate to shoot the birds.

Department of Environmental Conservation spokeswoman Aphrodite Montalvo says the agency decided to allow the hunt because there was such a large number of turkeys in the county.

## Damaged cable leads to county problems

**VA** MANASSAS — Prince William County officials say they are unaware of any 911 calls being disconnected or going unanswered because of problems with a fiber optic cable.

Officials said that a cable cut by Verizon may have caused some emergency calls the 911 center to be dropped. They now say it appears that only nonemergency calls were disrupted.

Officials say Verizon determined that a cable was cut or damaged in the Dale City area.

The county says repairs should be completed immediately.

## Palace assault trial ends in men's acquittals

**HI** HONOLULU — Two men accused of assaulting an employee of Iolani Palace have been acquitted by a Circuit Court jury.

Donald Alfred Love-Boltz, 74, of Iowa and Robert Roggasch, 70, of Maui were involved in a brief takeover of the palace by a Hawaiian sovereignty group last August.

Jurors deliberated less than two hours before acquitting the men.

There had been conflicting testimony about the roles Love-Boltz and Roggasch played during an altercation between the protesters and palace employee Betty Jean

Noelani Au Yuen.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of another Maui man charged in the assault case, Norman Abihai.

The leader of the group, James Akahi, stood trial earlier for burglary but was convicted of simple trespass.

## Ex-judge found guilty of election fraud

**NM** LAS CRUCES — A jury in Las Cruces, N.M., has convicted a former Sunland Park municipal court judge of three counts of election fraud.

The jury returned the verdict against Horacio Favela after deliberating for less than three hours.

Evidence at the weeklong trial showed that Favela voted in both El Paso, Texas, and Dona Ana, N.M., counties in the November 2004 election. He was living in El Paso but ran for the judgeship in Dona Ana County and voted in both elections.

The convictions were for false voting, making a false statement on his candidate declaration and falsifying documents in a municipal election.

Favela faces up to 18 months in prison and a \$5,000 fine on each count.

## Police: Man left ailing mom on floor for 2 days

**NY** FREEPORT — A nursing home worker let his ailing mother lie on the floor of their home for two days, stepping over her when he had to and not calling 911 until she was malnourished and dehydrated, police said.

When he finally called 911 and officers got to her, the 64-year-old woman was soiled with her feces and urine, according to police in Long Island's Nassau County. She suffered cardiac and respiratory arrest on the way to a hospital; she was in critical condition.

The son was identified as Lacy Reid, 45, of Freeport, a porter at a nursing home in North Woodmere. He was released after being arraigned on a charge of first-degree reckless endangerment, which carries as many as seven years in prison. A call to Legal Aid, which represented Reid, was not returned.

Police believe Reid's relationship with his mother had been strained, Smith said.

## Man pleads guilty in D.C. tech office scheme

**DC** WASHINGTON — A 44-year-old Herndon, Va., man is the first person to plead guilty in a bribery and kickback scheme at the D.C. government's technology office.

Sarosh Mir, who worked for a technology contracting firm, pleaded guilty in federal court in Washington to conspiring to commit wire fraud.

He faces six months to a year in prison under federal sentencing guidelines.

Three others were charged in the scandal in March.

In court papers, Mir admitted that he inflated invoices for D.C. government contracts and submitted bills for "ghost" employees who did no work.

Prosecutors have said the scheme cost the city at least \$500,000.

Stories and photos from wire services



# Horoscope

Mars, the warrior planet, and Uranus, ruler of powerful surprises, form a stressful aspect today, the effects of which will be felt through the 23rd. This is no time to let your temper get the better of you. Keep your cool. Make sure you have plenty of time to complete each task on your list. Calm yourself before you converse or travel.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 18).** This year has a flair for the unconventional. By the end of September, singles find offbeat romance, and couples make novel choices to spice up the relationship. Your needs change as you evolve through the fall. The changes you make in October help your finances and lifestyle to improve all at once. Taurus and Aquarius adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Life presents you with tests and exercises to help hone your communication skills. Improving your communication will have a positive impact on every aspect of your life.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You'll be spending more time with the right people — those who ponder the meaning of life, have interesting and exciting objectives and are likely to put an upbeat spin on things.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Avoid the kind of work that makes you responsible for overseeing other people's work and behavior. Today, you'll have better results doing things yourself. The rewards will be greater and the frustrations fewer.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You are crazy about your friends, you believe in their talents and abilities, and you will promote them at every turn. Make sure that you also take advantage of opportunities for your own advancement.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You'll be dealing with those who are not as outgoing as you. Make sure they are not taken advantage of. Be an advo-

cate. Speak up for those who are reluctant to ask for what they deserve.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Recently, you sacrificed your wishes for the good of the team. The move was an appropriate one at the time, but it doesn't have to be an ongoing trend. Choose an avenue that leads to pleasure and success.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Look to the horizon and tell your crew what's coming. People will depend on you for your ability to see the long view. You are the perfect one to coordinate the entire expedition.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You get caught up in the enthusiasm of those around you. So if you're not around people who are passionate and excited, you'll feel dull and muted. Also, positive reading materials will simulate an interpersonal experience.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You'll enjoy lay the groundwork for others. You sort through the details and determine which ones are important. You also discover how to make complexities simple.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You'll be getting ready to give a performance that has the potential to change the game. Size up your competition and then assume that it is 10 percent more substantial. Practice diligently.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You will be mentally "on" when you need to be. When you don't, take advantage of the break and relax. Mindless pursuits serve an important purpose. Include more activities in your life that will loosen you up.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You'll strike upon an idea too exciting not to act on immediately. Don't give yourself too much time to think, plot and plan. Being too careful will cause you to stumble. Act with great gusto and you'll win.

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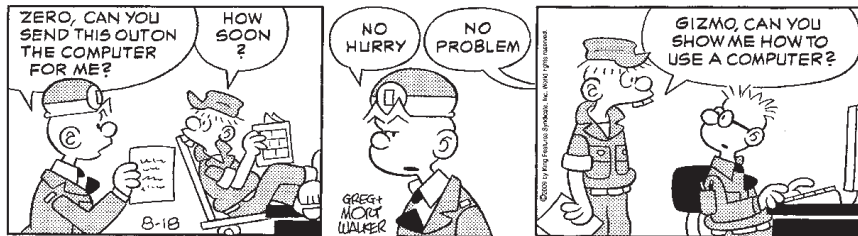
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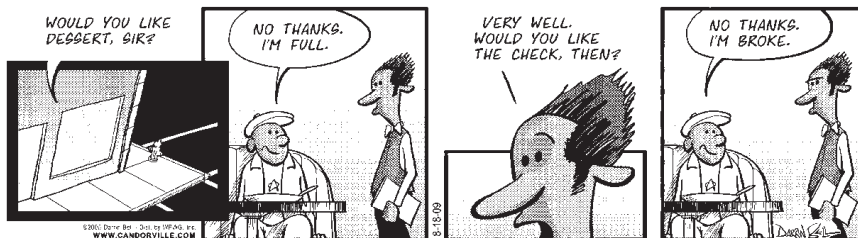
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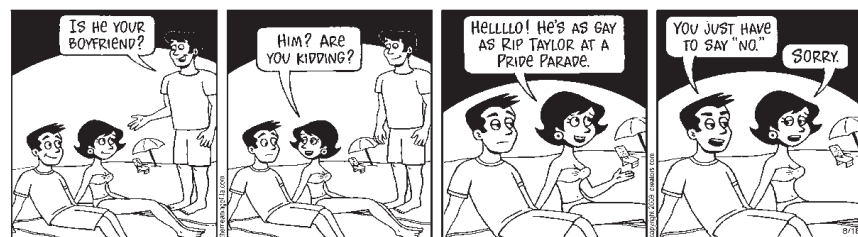
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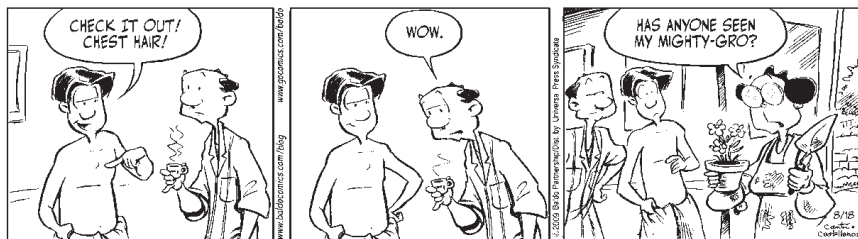
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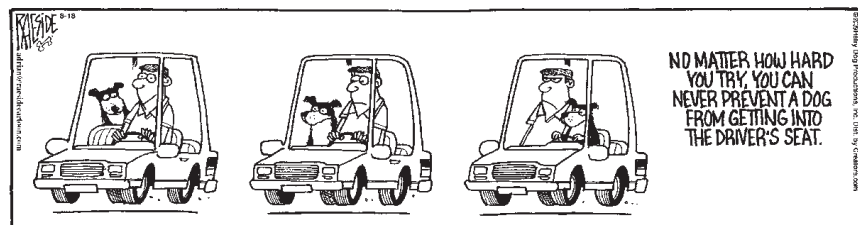
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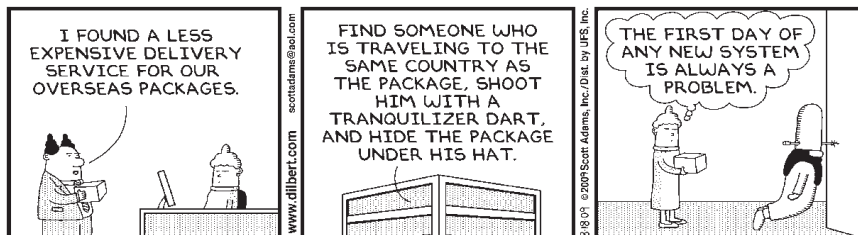
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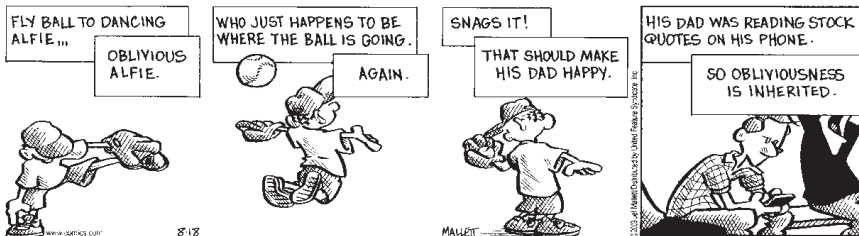


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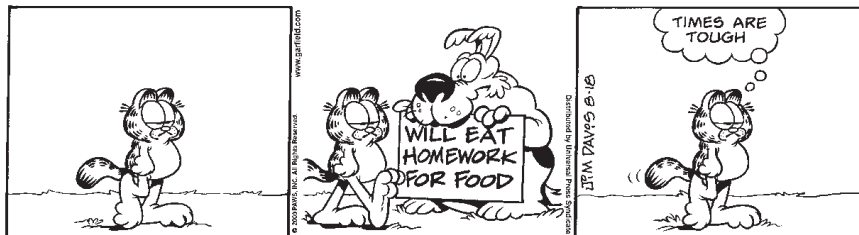




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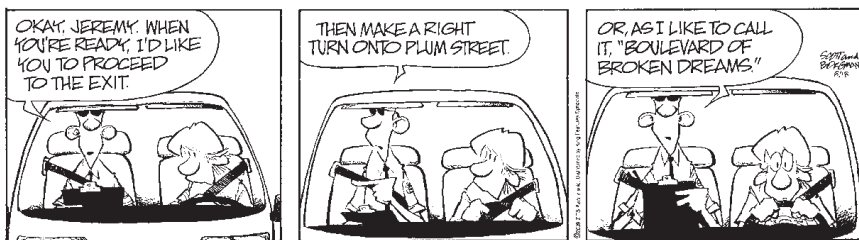
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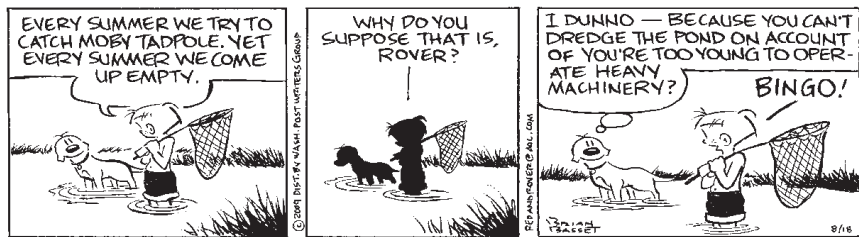
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- 5 Feature of Norway's coast
- 6 Entrance
- 7 Moreover
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- 9 High-protein bean
- 10 Coaster
- 11 Flag maker Betsy
- 16 Withdraw gradually
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- 44 Midmonth date
- 46 Symbol of intrigue
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### CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT ROAMING VAGABOND CARRIES AROUND FIVE WOODWINDS, SOME OF WHICH MUST BE THE HOBO'S OBOES.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals O

# 'Everyday heroes' touch lives

**Dear Abby:** I am a casual reader of your column and saw the June 15 letter from "Lucky Wife of a Hero." What a refreshing piece it was to read. I know many people write to you with hardships in their lives, but that letter was one of the most uplifting I have read in a long time. It literally made my day.

While "Lucky Wife's" husband's help to her may seem surprisingly simple, it's great to hear about people doing the little things for those they love, and being appreciated in return. Thank you for publishing it.

— U.S. Marine in Japan

**Dear U.S. Marine:** And thank you for writing. In my response to "Lucky Wife" I asked readers to share their stories of people they have encountered who are "everyday heroes." Read on for a sample:

**Dear Abby:** My life has been touched by several heroes. I be-

came pregnant during my senior year in high school. Because marriage wasn't an option, I placed my son for adoption. In college, I met my husband, and we have raised three children together.

After 35 years, my son, Paul, contacted me. The first hero who stepped up was my husband. Without hesitation, he welcomed Paul into our family.

My next hero was Paul's wife, who offered to share her husband during the holidays. Paul flew from Minnesota to California on Christmas Day to meet me and my family. It was an incredible experience.

It was then that I learned about the two heroes who had taken Paul into their home and their hearts all those years ago and raised him as their own. Paul's adoptive family encouraged him to find us, learn about his birth heritage, and have celebrated every moment of our reunion.

Dear Abby



But the greatest hero in my story is Paul. Inspired by the sacrifices of the young men and women who serve our country, he felt compelled to join the Army National Guard and today is serving in Iraq.

— Sheri in Escondido, Calif.

**Dear Abby:** I haven't seen my "everyday hero" since I was 12, but the way she treated me has made a huge difference in my life.

Annie gave me my first job when I was 10. She taught me to plant seeds and keep the garden weeded, to stack wood, paint and mow. Even more important, Annie gave me a safe place to go, an adult I could talk to and the conviction that if you work hard enough you'll be rewarded.

I'm almost 30 now, but I have never forgotten that wonderful woman and what she did for me, and I never will.

— Andi in Tacoma

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

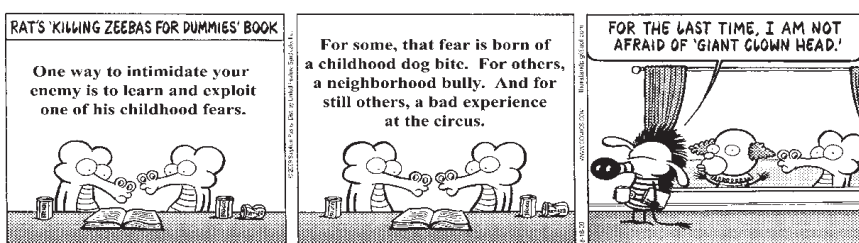


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 THE PATIENT LEFT THE DENTIST BECAUSE HE GOT ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)  
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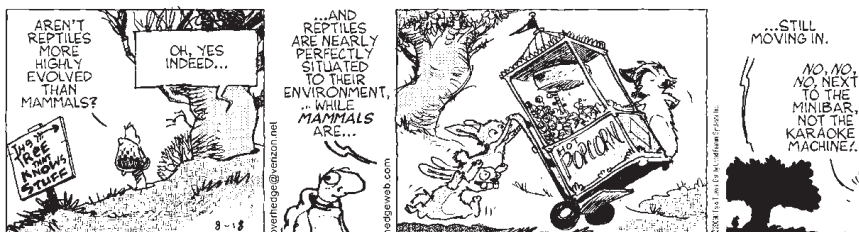
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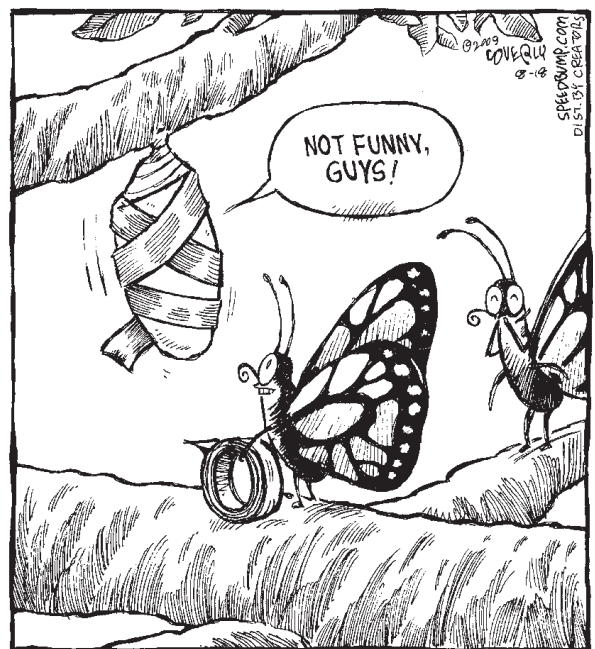
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Strange Brew



## Speed Bump







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**Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Hiroki Kuroda is tended by the team's medical staff after being struck in the head by a line drive in the sixth inning on Saturday.**

## L.A. loses game and H. Kuroda

BY ANDREW BAGNATO  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — A scary injury to pitcher Hiroki Kuroda put a tough loss in perspective for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Los Angeles was leading by three when Kuroda was hit in the head by a line drive in the sixth inning, and the stunned Dodgers watched the Arizona Diamondbacks rally for a 4-3 victory decided by Gerardo Parra's bases-loaded single in the 10th.

Tests revealed that Kuroda suffered a concussion but no fractures or internal bleeding. He remained in St. Joseph's Hospital overnight for observation.

"It was just shocking," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said. "It certainly caught everybody off guard."

Los Angeles has lost six of eight and its NL West lead over Colorado has dwindled to 41/2 games, the smallest edge since May 13.

The Dodgers built a 3-0 lead as Kuroda cruised through five innings, allowing only two hits. Pinch-hitter Rusty Ryal lined a 2-2 delivery off the right side of Kuroda's head leading off the sixth.

Kuroda crumpled to the mound, clutching his head, as the ball deflected into the seats behind first base, then back onto the field. Ryal was awarded a ground-rule double when play resumed.

"You get that sick feeling in your stomach," said Ryal, playing in his fifth major league game. "I was just scared."

Ryal said he sent a message to the Dodgers' clubhouse wishing Kuroda a speedy recovery.

All eight Dodgers fielders stood on the mound as trainers tended to Kuroda, who was placed on a stretcher and loaded onto a cart.

"One of the first things he asked out there was if anybody caught the ball out there, if it was an out," trainer Stan Conte said.

"Amazingly, things look really pretty good," Conte said. "The fact that he didn't lose consciousness is a very good sign."

# Headhunting in New York

## Cain beans Wright, so Santana targets Sandoval, plunks Molina

BY HOWIE RUMBERG  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Three innings after New York Mets third baseman David Wright was hit in the helmet by a pitch from Matt Cain, teammate Johan Santana threw a pitch behind the back of San Francisco's Pablo Sandoval.

One batter later, Santana hit the Giants' Bengie Molina.

"I feel like I have to protect my teammates," Santana said. "You can call that whatever you want. We're in it together."

A masterful pitching duel that turned ugly after Wright was beaned was settled in the 10th inning on Molina's homer as San Francisco prevailed 5-4.

Wright was taken to the Hospital for Special Surgery by ambulance after being checked out in the clubhouse by a team doctor. The team said a CT scan was negative and that Wright had a concussion. He was held overnight in the hospital for observation.

Cain nailed Wright with a 94 mph fastball and watched from a crouched position between home plate and the mound as trainers attended the player. When he came to bat in the fifth inning, Cain asked Mets catcher Brian Schneider if Wright was OK.

"It was nice to see him walk off

the field. It was definitely a situation where you hoped there's no blood," Cain said. "I'll see if I can get a hold of him tomorrow."

All players agreed that Cain was not trying to hit Wright on an 0-2 pitch with a runner on first. Mets manager Jerry Manuel said that pitching up and in on Wright was "the book on him."

Cain and Santana were locked in a scoreless matchup until then. Seemingly rattled, Cain gave up a run before settling down and pitching into the eighth, when the Mets tied it 4-4.

"He felt horrible," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said of Cain. "That's the last thing he wanted to do, but he regained his composure."

Molina, who was hit one batter after Santana threw behind Sandoval in retaliation, led off the 10th with a drive to left off closer Francisco Rodriguez (2-4).

Desperate to stay close to Colorado in the NL wild-card race, the Giants had closer Brian Wilson (5-5) go 2<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> scoreless innings, his longest outing of the season.

Mercilessly booed after plunking Wright, Cain tipped his cap as he left the field with the Giants leading 4-2 in the eighth and runners on first and second. Jeremy Affeldt gave up an RBI single to Fernando Tatis, who replaced Wright as a pinch runner and re-



NEWSDAY, DAVID POKRESS/AP

**David Wright is hit by a pitch from San Francisco's Matt Cain during the fourth inning of Saturday's game. Doctors reported that Wright suffered a concussion and the player was hospitalized overnight.**

mained in the game, and Wilson gave up Gary Sheffield's tying sacrifice fly.

The Giants scored three runs on four straight hits off Santana in the sixth, including an RBI double by Molina.

After getting the second out in the seventh, Santana threw his next pitch behind the back of Sandoval, earning both benches an immediate warning from plate umpire Brian O'Nara. Two pitches later, Sandoval's homer gave San Francisco a 4-1 lead.

Santana then hit Molina in the elbow, and Bochy argued that

Santana should be automatically ejected. Manuel pulled Santana for reliever Shawn Green while Bochy argued.

In Sunday's game: **Mets 3, Giants 2:** Daniel Murphy hit a game-ending RBI single in the ninth and Luis Castillo hit a two-run homer, his first since May 30, 2008.

Francisco Rodriguez (3-4) struck out the side in the ninth to earn the victory.

The Giants answered with a run in the eighth inning before the Mets put together the winning rally.

## NL roundup

# Ramirez, Coghlan team up to down Rockies

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Hanley Ramirez and Chris Coghlan each had home runs as the Florida Marlins beat the Colorado Rockies 10-3 Sunday afternoon in the first game of a doubleheader.

Cody Ross had four hits, and Ramirez and Coghlan each had three as Florida finished with 17 overall. The Marlins have collected at least 10 hits in 12 straight games.

Chris Volstad (9-9) won for the fifth time in his past six decisions, allowing a run and four hits with five strikeouts and four walks over five-plus innings. Volstad also hit a two-run single.

The Marlins scored five runs off Rockies starter Aaron Cook in the second for a 6-1 lead. Volstad's broken-bat single to right scored Dan Uggla and Cody Ross and snapped a 1-1 tie. Coghlan followed with a three-run home run, his seventh of the season.

Cook (10-5) left after surren-

dering Ross Gload's bases-loaded RBI single in the third. Cook pitched 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings, allowing seven runs and eight hits, with two strikeouts and three walks. He has lost two straight decisions after a seven-game winning streak.

The Rockies scored twice in the seventh, cutting Florida's lead to 7-3. Pinch-hitter Ryan Spilburgh hit a run-scoring double and scored on Carlos Gonzalez's sacrifice fly off Florida reliever Dan Meyer, who replaced Volstad in the sixth.

Florida scored twice in the bottom of the seventh on Gload's sacrifice fly and Wes Helms' pinch-hit single. Ross' single scored Ramirez in the eighth.

Gonzalez's solo homer in the top of the first put Colorado ahead 1-0. Gonzalez hit Volstad's 3-2 pitch to right for his fifth home run of the year.

The Marlins tied it in the bottom of the first on Ramirez's 18th home run of the season. Ramirez

drove Cook's pitch above the wall in left field.

**Nationals 5, Reds 4:** Ryan Zimmerman drove in two runs with a bloop single in the eighth as visiting Washington won its third straight to take the four-game series.

Reliever Arthur Rhodes (0-1) came on to face slugger Adam Dunn with one out and the Reds leading 4-3 in the eighth. Rhodes brushed Dunn with a pitch, and Josh Willingham followed with a single to right. One out later, Zimmerman, sent up as a pinch-hitter for Alberto Gonzalez, lofted a bloop to short right that went under the glove of diving Chris Dickerson.

Jorge Sosa (2-1) allowed one hit in 1<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings of relief for the victory.

In Saturday games: **Braves 4, Phillies 3:** Omar Infante's bases-loaded single off Brad Lidge capped a ninth-inning rally by host Atlanta. Lidge (0-5) picked up his eighth blown save,

aiding Atlanta's two-run ninth with two errors on the same play following Garret Anderson's lead-off single. After loading the bases, Lidge struck out Ryan Church before Infante came through.

**Brewers 6, Astros 2:** Craig Counsell drove in three runs and Mike Burns (3-4) pitched seven innings as the host Brewers won a third straight game for the first time in two months.

**Cardinals 7, Padres 4:** Matt Holliday hit a two-run homer for host St. Louis, helping Joel Poinciro (11-9) extend his personal winning streak to five.

**Nationals 10, Reds 6:** Adam Dunn hit his first homer against his former team in leading Washington to a victory. Alberto Gonzalez and Elijah Dukes each had two hits and three RBIs for the Nationals, who led 10-1 after four innings. Dunn led off the second with his 31st homer, walked twice and scored twice.





JOHN FROSCHAUER/AP

**New York's Nick Swisher celebrates his two-run homer in Saturday's game against Seattle.**

## Swisher HR keeps Yanks' streak alive

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Nick Swisher hit a two-run homer during New York's four-run second inning and the surging Yankees beat the sloppy Seattle Mariners 5-2 on Saturday for their 12th victory in 13 games.

Derek Jeter drove in two runs for New York during a 2-for-4 night, homering in the ninth inning to tie Omar Vizquel for second on the career list with 2,672 hits as a shortstop. The Yankees captain is one behind Luis Aparicio for the top spot.

"We took advantage of an error and good teams find ways to take advantage of miscues and we did tonight," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

Ichiro Suzuki and center fielder Franklin Gutierrez misplayed a ball in the second, opening the door for New York's big inning. Suzuki was also thrown out on an ill-timed steal attempt in the seventh.

Luke French (2-3) lost for the first time since joining Seattle in the trade that sent Jarrod Washburn to Detroit. The rookie left-hander gave up four unearned runs and seven hits in six innings.

With one out in the second and Robinson Cano on first, Melky Cabrera hit a fly ball to right-center that Gutierrez and Suzuki converged on but neither caught. The ball bounced off Gutierrez's glove for an error.

Jose Molina followed with a run-scoring single, Jeter drove in Cabrera with a sacrifice fly, and Swisher hit his 19th homer.

run gave the Yankees a 4-1 lead.

Seattle tried to rally in the seventh, putting runners on first and second with one out. Phil Coke, the only left-hander in the Yankees bullpen, struck out Ken Griffey Jr. before falling behind 2-0 against Russell Branyan. Suzuki then tried to steal third and Molina cut him down easily, taking advantage of an ideal pitch to handle.

"Two outs and it was 2-0, so I was more surprised at that," Mo-

# Rangers lead wild-card chase

## Kinsler homers as Texas goes up by a half-game

By DAVID JIMINEZ  
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ian Kinsler homered and drove in two runs, and Dustin Nippert allowed two runs and six hits over six innings as the Texas Rangers passed Boston in the AL wild-card race, beating the Red Sox 4-3 on Sunday.

The Rangers took two of three in the weekend series to move a half-game ahead of Boston.

Kinsler, back in the lineup one day after he was hit by a pitch that ricocheted off his shoulder to his head, went deep for the second straight day and also had an RBI single in the third that gave Texas a 3-1 lead.

Taylor Teagarden also homered to help the Rangers win for the seventh time in 10 games.

Nippert (4-1) beat the Red Sox for the second time in a month. The right-hander pitched into the sixth on July 22 to gain his only other victory as a starter this season.

With Red Sox runners on first and second, C.J. Wilson struck out two consecutive batters to get out of the eighth. Frank Francisco then pitched a spotless ninth for



LM OTERO/AP

**Elvis Andrus steals his third base and Texas' eighth during the eighth inning Saturday against Boston.**

his 16th save, just two days after giving up six runs in the ninth inning of an 8-4 loss in the series opener.

David Ortiz and Dustin Pedroia homered for the Red Sox, who dropped to 2-7 against the Rangers in their final scheduled meeting this season. Junichi Tazawa (1-2) yielded 10 hits and four runs over five-plus innings in his second career start.

In Saturday's game:

**Rangers 7, Red Sox 2:** Julio Borbon had four hits and four of Texas' team-record eight steals, and Elvis Andrus stole three bases. The eight steals matched the most in the majors this season. Boston also allowed eight against Tampa Bay on May 3. The Rangers had six steals against the Red Sox on July 22.

Boston has caught only eight of 111 would-be base stealers this season.

Borbon came into the game with three career hits and one stolen base. Rangers manager Ron Washington moved Ian Kinsler down to sixth in the order and inserted Borbon into the leadoff spot.

Two rookie pitchers delivered solid performances for the Rangers. Derek Holland (6-7) allowed two runs in 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings to win for the third time in four starts. Neftali Feliz struck out three in two innings to pick up his first save.

## AL roundup

# Zaun's grand slam paces Rays past Toronto

The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Gregg Zaun hit a pinch-hit grand slam in the eighth inning, leading the Tampa Bay Rays past the Toronto Blue 5-2 on Sunday.

It was Zaun's fifth career grand slam and second as a pinch-hitter, the other coming in 2002.

Ben Zobrist had a one-out single off Brandon League (1-5) and went to third on Carlos Pena's double. After Willy Aybar was intentionally walked to load the bases, pinch-hitter Gabe Gross struck out during a 10-pitch at-bat. But League couldn't escape, as Zaun went deep on a 3-2 pitch.

League hit the next batter, B.J. Upton, with the first pitch, which prompted plate umpire Jim Joyce to warn both benches. After talking with Joyce, Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston replaced League with Casey Janssen.

Dan Wheeler (4-3) pitched a perfect 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings for the victory.

Blue Jays rookie left-hander Marc Rzepczynski gave up one run and six hits over six innings. Toronto, which has lost nine of 12 against Tampa Bay, got a ninth-inning solo homer from Marco Scutaro.

Carl Crawford put the Rays ahead 1-0 on an RBI double in the third. The AL All-Star went 7 of

12 with five doubles in the three-game series with the Blue Jays.

Toronto tied it on Vernon Wells' fifth-inning single.

Rays starter Matt Garza struggled, but wound up allowing just one run on eight hits and two walks in five innings. The Blue Jays went 2 for 13 with runners in scoring position and stranded nine against the right-hander.

Garza worked out of a bases-loaded, no out jam in the third. He retired Adam Lind on a flyball, struck out Lyle Overbay and got Wells on a grounder.

**Royals 3, Tigers 2 (10):** Josh Anderson scored the go-ahead run in the 10th inning on third baseman Ryan Raburn's third error of the game. With one out in the 10th, Anderson reached on a dribbler down the third-base line and David DeJesus followed with a grounder through Raburn's legs. Both runners moved up on Willie Bloomquist's comebacker to Fernando Rodney (2-3).

Billy Butler then hit a grounder down the line. Raburn fielded it, but threw wildly to first for his second error of the inning, allowing Anderson to scamper home.

Joakim Soria (3-0) threw two scoreless innings in relief.

Detroit center fielder Curtis Granderson helped send the game to extra innings with a spectacu-

lar catch on Mike Jacobs' long drive in the eighth. Granderson raced back, leaped and twisted in mid-air to catch the ball as he slammed into the wall.

In Saturday games:

**White Sox 8, Athletics 1:** Jim Thome climbed another rung on the career home run chart with No. 563, and Jayson Nix homered and drove in three runs to back a seven-inning effort by Gavin Floyd (10-7). Thome's 22nd home run moved him into a tie for 12th on the homer list with Reggie Jackson. Next up: Rafael Palmeiro at 569.

Gordon Beckham added a two-run single in the sixth inning, when Chicago scored three runs to break open the game.

**Indians 7, Twins 3:** Shin-Soo Choo and Grady Sizemore hit early homers to lead visiting Cleveland. About 17 hours after Scott Baker pitched a two-hitter in an 11-0 victory, the Twins watched rookie Anthony Swarzak (3-6) get roughed up for the third straight start. Choo's drive in the second ended Cleveland's homerless streak at 38 innings. Sizemore homered in the third.

David Huff (7-6) won it after losing his previous two starts against Minnesota.

The Twins have lost 10 of 14, with half the losses to against Cleveland and Kansas City.

**Angels 5, Orioles 1:** John Lackey allowed one run in seven innings as the Angels spoiled the home debut of rookie left-hander Brian Matusz. Chone Figgins had three hits, a walk and a stolen base for the Angels, who are 20-8 since the All-Star break and 6-2 overall against Baltimore.

The Angels scored all their runs in the third against Matusz on three hits, three walks and an error. Lackey (8-5), who is 5-1 with a 1.89 ERA in his past seven starts, yielded seven hits and struck out six.

**Rays 8, Blue Jays 3:** Carl Crawford hit a two-run double during a four-run third, and Scott Kazmir pitched well enough to help the Rays end a five-game skid. Jason Bartlett hit an RBI single, Crawford doubled in two and Evan Longoria had a run-scoring double off Brian Tallet (5-7) as Tampa Bay took a 4-2 lead in the third.

Kazmir (7-7) gave up three runs and five hits in 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings.

**Tigers 10, Royals 3:** Carlos Guillen homered and drove in four runs, and Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run shot and finished with four hits as host Detroit won its third straight. Ramon Santiago and Alex Avila also homered for Detroit, which had 16 hits. Edwin Jackson (9-5) allowed three runs and nine hits in six innings.

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**New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez talks to head coach Rex Ryan during the second quarter of Friday's exhibition game against St. Louis. Sanchez will start the Jets' next exhibition game.**

## NFL briefs

# Sanchez gets start in Jets' next game

*The Associated Press*

CORTLAND, N.Y. — Welcome to the NFL, Mark Sanchez. Now, let's see what you can do against one of the league's toughest defenses.

The New York Jets rookie quarterback will get his first start against Ray Lewis and the Baltimore Ravens — coach Rex Ryan's former team — in an exhibition "Monday Night Football" game Aug. 24.

"I have my work cut out for me," Sanchez said Sunday with a laugh. "That's why it wouldn't be right of me or anyone else to make this a make-or-break game."

After all, it's still just the exhibition season and the Jets' quarterback competition between Sanchez and Kellen Clemens is far from being decided.

Or is it?

Ryan previously determined that Clemens would start the exhibition opener against St. Louis on Friday and the quarterbacks would flip-flop against Baltimore. But after Sanchez, the fifth overall draft pick, sparkled in his debut against St. Louis, Ryan spoke glowingly of the rookie and did so again Sunday.

"I think he earned the reps with the 1s and all that," Ryan said. "It might have been done on paper that way in pencil, but he had to earn it. The guy had to earn his reps, and I think he's done that. Without question, he's done that."

Sanchez came into the 23-20 loss with 28 seconds left in the first quarter and threw a 48-yard pass to David Clowney on his opening play. He completed three of four passes for 88 yards in one series that was capped by Thomas Jones' 1-yard touchdown dive.

### Colts' Brock injures left hand

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts defensive tackle Raheem Brock injured his left hand in the first half of Friday night's 13-3 exhibition loss to the Minnesota Vikings.

Brock's status for Thursday's home game against the Philadelphia Eagles has not been determined.

"He has been evaluated. I'm not quite certain of the extent of his problem. But he's got a problem with his hand. I'm not certain exactly what the proper medical term would be for it. I'm not certain how long he is going to be out," Colts coach Jim Caldwell said Saturday after a short workout at the team's headquarters.

"I'm not certain if it's something he can play with. They'll let me know when the (team) doctor really gets finished with his examination. So it's kind of up in the air a little bit."

The team will resume training camp on Monday morning.

### Ravens' Smith out for season

WESTMINSTER, Md. — Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Marcus Smith will undergo season-ending right knee surgery after tearing his right anterior cruciate ligament in Thursday's game against the Washington Redskins.

The injury occurred while Smith was making a tackle during a special teams play in the Ravens' 23-0 victory. The surgery will take place within the next week or two, after the swelling subsides.

### Saints' Hartley expects four-game drug suspension

METAIRIE, La. — New Orleans Saints kicker Garrett Hartley says he expects to serve a four-game suspension when the regular season begins because he tested positive for a stimulant.

Hartley says he obtained the Adderall prescription pills from a former college friend and used it to help him stay awake while driving from Dallas to New Orleans for an offseason workout.

Hartley says he was unaware that the stimulant was on the NFL's list of banned substances.

Hartley will be able to work out and play during the preseason, but the Saints also have added veteran 45-year-old kicker John Carney to the roster.

In other moves, the Saints have placed reserve linebacker Mark Simoneau on injured reserve because of his torn right triceps injury.

## NFL exhibition roundup

# Stafford throws touchdown pass in debut as Detroit QB

*The Associated Press*

DETROIT — Matthew Stafford threw a touchdown, an interception and had some passes dropped in his debut with the Detroit Lions.

Jason Hanson's 47-yard field goal as time expired lifted Detroit to a 27-26 victory over the Atlanta Falcons in the exhibition opener for both teams.

Stafford, the No. 1 pick of the NFL's first 0-16 team, completed half of his 14 passes for 114 yards, with a 25-yard TD to fellow rookie Derrick Williams and an interception that Tony Gilbert returned for a score. Keary Colbert dropped Stafford's first pass and two more.

Daunte Culpepper started and completed five of six passes for 41 yards for Detroit.

Atlanta's Michael Turner ran for a 40-yard TD and Matt Ryan was 5-for-7 for 33 yards.

Culpepper and Stafford didn't have any of their top three receivers, including Calvin Johnson, and were without first-round tight end Brandon Pettigrew.

That created opportunities for other targets and Colbert failed to take advantage.

**Bills 27, Bears 20:** At Orchard Park, N.Y., Jay Cutler came out throwing against Buffalo in his Bears exhibition debut, missing as many attempts as he completed, not including the one he had intercepted. So much for the much-anticipated buzz — including all the No. 6 Bears jerseys sold — that centered on the Pro Bowl quarterback Chicago acquired in a blockbuster offseason trade with Denver.

The Bills' offense, even minus Terrell Owens, out nursing a sprained toe, was much more efficient in 80-plus-degree and

muggy conditions. And Buffalo got plenty of help from its defense, which generated four turnovers, including two interceptions by rookie Ellis Lankster.

**Packers 17, Browns 0:** At Green Bay, Wis., Aaron Rodgers directed two long touchdown drives before departing, and Green Bay's new 3-4 defense gave Brady Quinn and Derek Anderson fits.

Quinn and Anderson got their first game action under new Browns coach Eric Mangini. Both could take some pointers from Rodgers, who went 5-for-10 for 102 yards and completed a 53-yard TD pass to Donald Driver on the opening drive.

Quinn was better than Anderson, though both threw interceptions as Cleveland looked far away from improving on last year's 4-12 mark, committing four turnovers and seven penalties.

**Texans 16, Chiefs 10:** At Kansas City, Mo., while beating the Chiefs 16-10 in heavy rain in the teams' first exhibition game, Houston's starters looked sharp and quick, like the team that won five of its last six games in 2008. The Chiefs, for much of the night, sloshed around like the bunch who finished a franchise-worst 2-14 last year and created a job opening for new coach Todd Haley.

Chris Brown scored Houston's only touchdown of the soggy night on a 2-yard run in the first quarter, capping a 94-yard drive behind Matt Schaub. Kris Brown added three field goals for the Texans. Schaub was 7-for-7 for 70 yards and looked impressive in a 94-yard touchdown drive that was aided by a penalty against Kansas City.

Matt Cassel, acquired in a winter trade with New England and

locked up with a six-year, \$63 million contract, played only three series and had spotty success in his first appearance before Chiefs fans. He tried five passes and completed two for 15 yards.

The Texans led 13-0 at halftime and 13-3 deep into the fourth quarter until Tyler Thigpen, the third Chiefs quarterback, hit Brad Cottam with a 1-yard TD pass.

**Titans 27, Buccaneers 20:** At Nashville, Tenn., Kerry Collins was intercepted twice, while backup Vince Young threw for 131 yards and a touchdown, rallying the Titans. Tennessee's victory spoiled the debut of new Tampa Bay coach Raheem Morris.

Luke McCown got the start for Tampa Bay and struggled in a quarter against Tennessee's stingy defense. Byron Leftwich and rookie Josh Freeman weren't much better, with only Leftwich throwing a touchdown pass.

Tennessee had three sacks and two turnovers.

**Seahawks 20, Chargers 14:** At San Diego, LaDainian Tomlinson, the San Diego Chargers' star running back, played in an exhibition game for the first time since 2005, carrying four times for 10 yards and catching one pass from Philip Rivers for 8 yards. After two series Tomlinson was back on the sideline, where he normally can be found during exhibition games.

The Seahawks, playing their first game under coach Jim Mora, took advantage of three straight turnovers by Chargers third-string quarterback Charlie Whitehurst in the second half to take control of what had been a ho-hum game. Whitehurst threw two interceptions and lost a fumble, leading to 10 points for Seattle.



DUANE BURLISON/AP

**Detroit quarterback Matthew Stafford looks for an open receiver during the second quarter of Saturday's exhibition game against Atlanta. Stafford threw for 114 yards and a touchdown in limited duty.**



# Panthers RB Goodson going full speed ahead

## Rookie has left college woes behind him

By MIKE CRANSTON  
The Associated Press

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — It isn't often Carolina receiver Steve Smith says anything positive about a rookie, yet he's been heaping praise on Mike Goodson.

The Panthers' coaching staff is similarly impressed, and the fans at training camp routinely gasp at some of the speedy running back's shifty moves.

So what in the heck happened to him at Texas A&M, where his numbers declined each year before he declared early for the draft?

"I wanted to do a lot more in college," Goodson said. "But that's thinking in the past. I'm on a great team now and it's a great opportunity. I'm going to try to make up here what I didn't do there."

The Panthers hardly needed help at running back going into the draft. They had the top rushing duo in the NFL last year in DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart. But with their extra fourth-round pick they received from San Francisco in a draft-weekend trade, the Panthers took the 6-foot, 212-pound back.

"When we drafted him somebody told me to go on YouTube and look at him. I watched it and I was like, 'Wow.' He was phenomenal," said Smith, Carolina's four-time Pro Bowl receiver. "I think he's a great asset to the team. I think he's explosive, he's smart, he makes a lot of moves."

It just didn't translate into success at Texas A&M. After rushing for a team-best 847 yards as a freshman, he dipped to 711 yards a year later. Last season, in which he was slowed for a while by a sore knee, he managed only 406 yards rushing under new coach Mike Sherman.

"With a guy like Mike, we ought to be better," Sherman said midway through last season.

Goodson said he's not sure why he struggled, but acknowledged he didn't click with Sherman, the former Green Bay coach.

"But I think when you say that it comes

across that Sherman is a bad guy. He's not that at all. He's a great guy," Goodson said. "I think that I didn't have enough time with him. I was there for one year and I was out. I think if we had a little more time it would have worked out better."

There wouldn't be a second year together. Facing family financial problems — his father, Mike Sr., is in prison after a mortgage fraud conviction — Goodson decided to turn pro despite his sliding draft stock.

Goodson used part of his \$492,000 signing bonus to pay off his mother's mortgage and remodel their home in Klein, Texas. Then he came to Carolina intent on resurrecting his career, whether it be at running back, slot receiver or kickoff returner.

"Very early on we noticed he's a very explosive guy no matter how you get the ball in his hands, as a runner or a pass receiver," coach John Fox said. "He's still learning, being a rookie, but he's still been able to show that explosiveness even as he's feeling his way through learning the offense."

With Stewart sidelined for much of camp because of lingering Achilles' tendon pain, Goodson has been getting a number of carries with the first team. His shiftiness has befuddled the defense and impressed his veteran teammates.

"On the run his feet don't stop. I think a lot of times you can't coach or teach that and he already has those instincts," Smith said. "I think he has a lot to learn, but I also think he has a lot to give to the team."

Once Stewart gets healthy, the Panthers could use Goodson as a third-down back or as a slot receiver on passing downs. Goodson also is a top candidate to win the kick returner job.

Goodson will likely get plenty of work in Monday's exhibition opener at the New York Giants. It'll be his first game since last season's finale at Texas A&M when he carried six times for five yards in a 49-9 loss to Texas.

"I'm not really sure why it turned out the way it did," Goodson said, "but I'm happy that I'm here now."



CHUCK BURTON/AP

Carolina Panthers rookie running back Mike Goodson goes through a drill during the team's training camp. Goodson has impressed both coaches and teammates.



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Los Angeles' David Beckham, right, collides with Seattle's Peter Vagenas during the first half. Beckham was red carded for the play.

## MLS roundup

# Beckham ejected in Galaxy loss

The Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — David Beckham was ejected for a studs-up challenge in the 17th minute, and the Los Angeles Galaxy finished with nine men in a 2-0 loss to the Seattle Sounders FC on Saturday night.

Beckham slid into Sounders midfielder Peter Vagenas trying to reach a ball, hooking his right ankle and bringing the former Galaxy midfielder down to the pitch. Referee Ricardo Salazar immediately issued the red card, and Beckham did not offer much of an argument before leaving the field.

It was Beckham's first red card in his MLS career and his second ejection in the MLS. The red card carries an automatic suspension that will force Beckham to miss Los Angeles' match at Chicago on Wednesday night.

Seattle (8-5-8), which snapped a three-game losing streak, needed only five minutes to convert after Beckham's exit. Steve Zakuanu scored in the 22nd minute

on a shot off Brad Evans' cross from the right side of the penalty area, ending a 336-minute scoreless streak. Fredy Montero added his 10th goal in the 54th minute.

**Chivas USA 2, Red Bulls 0:** Maykel Galindo scored off a feed from Chukwudi Chijindu in the 15th minute, and Eduardo Lillington added a late goal for visiting Chivas.

Chivas USA (9-7-3) snapped a five-game losing streak and moved into a tie with Colorado for third place in the Western Conference. The beleaguered Red Bulls, an MLS-worst 2-16-4, dropped their sixth straight league match and are winless in 14 consecutive MLS games since beating San Jose on May 8.

Zach Thornton made four saves for his eighth shutout.

**Crew 2, FC Dallas 0:** At Columbus, Ohio, Chad Marshall and Eddie Gaven scored, and Eastern Conference-leading Columbus won its fifth straight game.

The Crew (10-3-9) are 6-0-2

since losing to FC Dallas (6-10-5) on June 20.

Marshall scored off a corner kick in the 10th minute, and Gaven entered in the 75th minute and scored unassisted 12 minutes later with a shot from 17 yards.

**Toronto FC 2, D.C. United 0:** Dwayne De Rosario scored for the fourth straight game to help host Toronto (8-7-6) move two points ahead of D.C. United (6-5-10) for third place in the Eastern Conference.

De Rosario broke a scoreless tie in the 30th minute, heading home a pass from Sam Cronin for his team-leading ninth goal. Rookie O'Brian White, a Toronto-area native, scored his first MLS goal in the 66th minute.

**Real Salt Lake 0, Dynamo 0:** Pat Onstad made six saves for visiting Houston (11-6-6) to notch his MLS-leading ninth shutout of the season.



## Sports briefs

# Bolt beats Gay in world-record 100 meters

The Associated Press

BERLIN — Usain Bolt proved again that he races in a world of his own, winning the 100 meters in a huge matchup with Tyson Gay in a world-record time of 9.58 seconds Sunday in the world championships.

Running full-out in ideal conditions and against the toughest competition possible for the first time in his 22 years, Bolt blew away his own world record by a massive .11 seconds and made Gay seem a laggard despite setting a U.S. record of 9.71 seconds.

It was the biggest increase in the record since electronic time was introduced in 1968.

Asafa Powell of Jamaica took bronze in 9.84.

Bolt was breezing after 70 meters at Beijing, but on the deep indigo blue track in Berlin, Gay pushed him as far as he could. To no avail.

Gay stayed with him over the first part, but once Bolt unfurled that huge stride of his, there was no contest.

"Awesome," Powell said.

Bolt glanced quickly to his right at 90 meters to check on Gay, then left, at the scoreboard, as he crossed the finish line and then pounded his chest when he saw the record time.

Troubled by nagging groin pain, Gay had to cut practice on his start, and it showed. He needed to get out the fastest by far but was not able to shake the Olympic champion.

"I put everything into it. But I came in second," Gay said. "I can definitely run faster."

The crowd of 55,000 at the Olympic Stadium roared its delight at the end of the most-awaited race since the Olympics.

The record time was hard to believe, even with Bolt's knack of doing the unbelievable.

He grabbed a flag, hugged Powell, with whom he had been shadowboxing for fun just before the start, and they wrapped themselves in the Jamaican flag.

## Nats: No. 1 pick Strasburg offered a record contract

WASHINGTON — Nationals president Stan Kasten acknowledged Saturday that there is a "very real possibility" the baseball team will not reach an agreement with No. 1 overall draft pick Stephen Strasburg despite offering him a record-breaking contract.

The Nationals face a deadline of midnight Monday to sign Strasburg, a right-handed pitcher from San Diego State whose fastball has been clocked at 102 mph.

He is represented by agent Scott Boras, who has the top three players in this year's draft.

"With 48 hours to go, I simply have no idea whether we're going



MICHAEL SOHN/AP

Jamaica's Asafa Powell, left, American Tyson Gay, center, and Jamaica's Usain Bolt race to the finish line of the 100 meters in the world championships at Berlin on Sunday. Bolt won in a world-record time, Gay finished second and broke the U.S. record, and Powell picked up the bronze.

to be able to reach a deal," Kasten said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Kasten said the Nationals offered Strasburg more than the record \$10.5 million pitcher Mark Prior got from the Chicago Cubs after being the second pick in the 2001 amateur draft.

Washington's offer came more than a week ago during a meeting in California that included Strasburg, Boras, Kasten, Nationals acting general manager Mike Rizzo and team owners Ted and Mark Lerner.

Kasten wouldn't disclose the amount of Washington's offer nor would he say what, if any, counteroffer Boras had made.

But Kasten characterized Boras' approach as "advocating a new methodology for evaluating draft picks" — changing the way drafted players' worth is determined.

"This kid is so impressive. We have nothing but the highest regard for him. If he wants to come and begin his career right now — and do so with the largest contract ever given to any drafted player in the history of Major League Baseball — we can help him accomplish that," Kasten told the AP.

"But if this is more about changing the whole way an industry does business, then we won't be able to reach a deal."

In other baseball news:

■ Erik Bedard said he doesn't want shoulder surgery to be the final chapter of his time with the Seattle Mariners. Wearing a cumbersome cast and brace after

surgery to repair a torn labrum in his left shoulder, Bedard said he would like to return to the Mariners in 2010.

■ University of Washington quarterback Jake Locker agreed to a deal with the Los Angeles Angels, who selected him in the 10th round of the June amateur draft. Terms were not disclosed.

## Villanova guard off team after marijuana charge

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Villanova guard Reggie Redding was kicked off the basketball team for the fall semester two weeks after being charged with possession of marijuana.

School officials said Redding will remain enrolled in classes and could return to the team in late December if coach Jay Wright and the athletic department approve the player's reinstatement.

Redding was charged July 31 with possession of a small amount of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, both misdemeanors.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled Sept. 8.

Redding started 22 games last season and averaged 7.1 points, 4.9 rebounds and 3.1 assists as the Wildcats advanced to the Final Four for the first time since winning the national championship in 1985.

## Messier back with Rangers as special assistant to GM

NEW YORK — The Captain is back with the New York Rangers. Mark Messier, who in 1994 helped lead the Rangers to their

first Stanley Cup title in 54 years, is returning to the club as a special assistant to general manager Glen Sather, the club said Sunday.

Messier, a six-time Cup champion as a player, has not been shy in recent years about his desire to run a team as GM.

This could be the first step in the process that might lead to Messier replacing Sather when the current GM's tenure with the Rangers is over.

In a statement, Sather called Messier one of the greatest players in the NHL and said he is "looking forward to him joining the organization and learning a whole new part of the hockey business."

## Britain's Radcliffe wins half-marathon in New York

NEW YORK — Paula Radcliffe of Great Britain won the New York City Half-Marathon on Sunday, finishing two seconds off the course record in her first race in nine months after being sidelined by foot surgery.

Radcliffe finished in 1 hour, 9 minutes, 45 seconds for her seventh consecutive victory in New York City.

She pulled away from Ethiopia's Mamitu Daska, who was second in 1:11:04, at seven miles after exiting Central Park.

"The foot is fine," Radcliffe said while immersed to her waist in an ice bath after the race.

"It's just blowing the cobwebs away and getting used to racing on the roads and flats again."

Kenya's Catherine Ndereba,

who set the course record in 2006, was third in 1:11:56.

Defending champion Tadesse Tola of Ethiopia easily won the men's race in 1:01:06, running solo after a sprint start to distance himself from the pack.

Ridouane Harroufi of Morocco was second in 1:02:33, and Ryan Hall of the United States was two more seconds back.

Radcliffe, who won the New York City Marathon in November, had reconstructive surgery on her right foot in March.

She plans to decide Wednesday whether to run the marathon in the world championships in Berlin.

## Pro wrestler Angle charged with possession of HGH

MCKEES ROCKS, Pa. — Pro wrestler and Olympic gold medalist Kurt Angle was arrested on charges of possessing a human growth hormone and violating an order of protection in suburban Pittsburgh.

Angle was arrested about 7:50 a.m. Saturday in a Robinson Township strip mall parking lot. His girlfriend, who said she obtained a protection order about 1½ hours earlier after the two fought Friday night, alleged that he had circled the lot staring at her as she sat in a coffee shop, according to a police affidavit.

Police said they found the human growth hormone Hgetropin in Angle's car, and the wrestler told them he had a prescription for the drug. He also told officers he had not seen the woman and was looking for a hotel because he was barred from his home.

Angle, 40, was charged with violating the order of protection, harassment, possession of drugs and paraphernalia and driving with a suspended license. He posted bail and is scheduled to appear for a hearing Tuesday on the drug and harassment charges and Wednesday on the charge of violating the protection order, a court clerk said.

Angle was scheduled to fight Sunday night in the main event of a Total Nonstop Action wrestling event in Orlando, Fla.

Angle was a two-time NCAA Division I wrestling champion at Clarion University in western Pennsylvania. He won the 220-pound championship in the 1996 Olympics at Atlanta, defeating Iran's Abbas Jadidi for the gold medal, and has been a professional wrestler since 1998.

In September, Angle was found not guilty of drunken driving in Moon Township outside Pittsburgh. A motorist told police Angle had cut her off while leaving a bar parking lot.

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Y.E. Yang	73-70-67-210	-6
Padraig Harrington	68-73-69-210	-6
Henrik Stenson	73-71-68-212	-4
Lucas Glover	71-70-71-212	-4
Soren Kjeldsen	70-73-70-213	-3
Ernie Els	75-68-70-213	-3
Alvaro Quiros	69-76-69-214	-2
John Rollins	73-73-68-214	-2
Martin Kaymer	73-70-71-214	-2
Ross Fisher	73-68-73-214	-2
Brendan Jones	71-70-73-214	-2
Stephen Ames	74-71-70-215	-1
Rory McIlroy	71-73-71-215	-1
Corey Pavin	73-71-71-215	-1
Tim Clark	76-68-71-215	-1
Lee Westwood	70-72-73-215	-1
Steve Flesch	74-73-69-216	E
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Graeme McDowell	70-75-71-216	E
David Toms	69-75-72-216	E
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Ben Crane	70-75-72-217	+1
Michael Allen	74-71-72-217	+1
Retief Goosen	77-71-70-218	+2
Scott McCarron	75-72-71-218	+2
Anthony Kim	73-74-71-218	+2
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Stewart Cink	73-73-72-218	+2
Oliver Wilson	74-72-72-218	+2
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Ben Curtis	73-72-73-218	+2
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Boo Weekley	74-74-71-219	+3
Kevin Na	73-75-71-219	+3
Miguel Angel Jimenez	75-73-71-219	+3
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Robert Allenby	69-75-75-219	+3
Chad Campbell	74-73-73-220	+4
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Charlie Wi	72-76-75-223	+7
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Ryo Ishikawa	74-74-76-224	+8
Chris Wood	74-73-77-224	+8
Grant Sturgeon	73-71-80-224	+8
Bob Estes	74-74-77-225	+9
Greg Bisconti	75-72-78-225	+9
J.J. Henry	72-73-80-225	+9
Paul Goydos	70-78-78-226	+10
Sean O'Hair	74-73-82-229	+13
Richard Sterne	73-72-WD	
J.B. Holmes	76-WD	
John Daly	WD	

PGA Championship winner Y.E. Yang, above left, throws grass in the air to check the wind on Sunday. Padraig Harrington, right, laments a missed putt on the sixth green. Phil Mickelson, below, tees off on the 17 hole at Hazeltine National Golf Club in suburban Minneapolis.

AP PHOTOS



# Roy Jones Jr., his 'hands as fast as ever,' scores a TKO

The Associated Press

BILOXI, Miss. — Roy Jones Jr. toyed with the crowd and with Jeff Lacy, stopping his overwhelmed opponent after the 10th round Saturday to retain the NABO light-heavyweight championship title.

The former eight-time world champion used a left hook to cut Lacy's right eye in the third round, and both of Lacy's eyes were swelling by the seventh. Lacy didn't answer the bell for the 11th round.

Jones, 40, joked when asked when he thought the bout was in his hands.



Roy Jones Jr., far left, lands a left to the head of Jeff Lacy during the ninth round of their light heavyweight title bout.

JOHN FITZHUGH/AP

"When they gave me the gloves," Jones said. "My hands are still as fast as ever. I've got the quickest speed in the game."

Lacy's strategy for the faster Jones was apparent from the outset. He tried to pin Jones on the

ropes throughout the fight. Jones (54-5, 39 KOs) was unaffected by the tactic and seemed more worried about playing to the crowd than about Lacy's punches.

As Lacy (25-3) tried to tussle with Jones in the corners, Jones

told the Mississippi Coast Coliseum crowd "Watch this" on several occasions, following with fast combinations that took their toll.

"I've got to give the crowd what they want," Jones said.

"The crowd asked for it so I gave them what they wanted. I still love what I do."

All three judges had Jones far ahead on their scorecards before the bout was stopped.

"[Lacy] could do whatever he wanted to do. I trained for everything," Jones said. "If that's the kind of fight he wanted, that's what I'll give them."

Lacy, 32, is a former IBF super-

middleweight champion with four successful defenses before losing to Joe Calzaghe in 2006.

Jones said his next fight will be Nov. 21 in Australia against newly crowned IBO cruiserweight champ Danny Green.

Green stopped Julio Cesar Dominguez on the undercard Saturday.

Green had two previous attempts at the WBC super-middleweight title, losing to Markus Beyer twice, on a disqualification and a split decision.

After 16 months out of boxing, he returned at the higher weight class.



# Edwards: Winless driver could take title

By CHRIS JENKINS  
The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Carl Edwards thinks it's possible for a driver to win the Sprint Cup series championship without winning a race all season.

He just doesn't want to be that guy.

Going into Sunday's race at Michigan International Speedway, Edwards was one of four winless drivers among the top 12 in the series points standings. Juan Pablo Montoya, Ryan Newman and Greg Biffle also would qualify if the 10-race Chase for the championship started today — none of them has a victory in 2009.

Could one of those four drivers qualify for the Chase, then go on to win the title, all without visiting victory lane even once? Edwards says yes — but hopes not.

"You could definitely win a championship without winning races," Edwards said. "I'd rather not win one that way."

Sure, drivers strive for the checkered flag, but NASCAR's championship system tends to reward consistent drivers over those who win one week and crash the next.

Perhaps the ultimate example of consistency trumping aggressiveness came in 2003. Matt Kenseth's title run was seen as a just reward for an underrated driver, but it lacked a certain amount of sizzle.

Kenseth won only once all year, but managed to clinch the title be-



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**Driver Carl Edwards is winless this year, but that might not keep him from making a run at the title.**

fore the final race of the season.

NASCAR officials adopted the Chase system the following year, essentially establishing a 26-race regular season that determines which drivers are eligible to run for the title during the final 10 races, NASCAR's version of a playoff.

Officials hoped the new system would make the points race tighter at the end of the season, and it generally has. But it hasn't eliminated conservative "points racing."

Subsequent tweaks to the sys-

tem made victories somewhat more valuable, but consistency still rules in NASCAR — something made evident by remarks from Michigan pole-sitter Brian Vickers, who was scrambling to climb two spots in the standings and qualify for the Chase.

He wanted to win Sunday, for sure. But he wasn't going all-out.

"We would like to lead every lap, but if we're a strong contender all day then we can't afford to take some crazy pit strategy that could put us at risk of running out of fuel trying to win the race,"

Vickers said. "We've kind of got to think that we really want to win, but not at the cost of the Chase."

Current points leader Tony Stewart has three victories this season and figures it'll be tough for any of his winless competitors to take the title without breaking through to victory lane.

"I doubt that that will likely happen," Stewart said. "It's obviously possible. As long as things are mathematically possible, it's possible. But is it likely? Not very likely that a guy's going to win the Chase and not win a race."

Jimmie Johnson, who won seven times on his way to his third straight series championship last year, doesn't foresee a driver taking the title without a victory.

And he believes Edwards is capable of both.

"I don't think you can win the title without a win and I still do look at Carl as a big threat," Johnson said. "He's been consistent. We all know they haven't had the speed that we're used to seeing and he's still been able to hang tough in the points."

Edwards, who won nine races last season, says he has been close to several victories and doesn't expect to be shut out of victory lane much longer. It could come Sunday at Michigan, where Edwards has won twice in Sprint Cup.

And yes, he's getting a little tired of being asked about not winning this season.

"It's like saying 'You want to talk about the dog that got run over when I was a kid?'" Edwards said. "It's not something fun to talk about."

Edwards thinks a victory is coming, but said he is concerned that his team isn't quite strong enough to take the title fight to Johnson and Stewart.

"For us to beat those guys without any luck involved, we're going to have to get just a little bit better," Edwards said. "But we've been working hard. We've been working really hard. Found a couple small things that could be really good."

# Keselowski swoops in, wins Nationwide race

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The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Brian Vickers didn't see it coming. Brad Keselowski sure did.

With Vickers and Kyle Busch fighting it out on the final lap, Keselowski swooped in to grab the lead in the final turn and hold on to the Nationwide Series race Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

"I knew they'd do what they did and that's why I was sitting there lurking," said Keselowski, a Michigan native. "The two of them together are a recipe for what you saw — that's just putting it the way it is."

Vickers finished second and Busch third, and they exchanged heated words on pit road afterward.

Busch said in a television interview that Vickers' tactics were "just stupid," and Vickers responded by saying that Busch came over to his car on pit road "crying like a little baby" but ran off when Vickers offered to get out and "talk about it like men."

It also was a rough afternoon for Carl Edwards, whose hopes of a championship in NASCAR's second-tier series took a hit when he crashed early.

"Man, just early in the race," he said, "and I probably should have been more cautious."

After trading the lead for much of the race, Busch and Vickers pitted with most of the lead-lap cars after a caution with 20 laps to go. They lined up in the second row for the restart behind Justin Allgaier, who didn't pit, and Keselowski, who took only



TONY DING/AP

**Kyle Busch (18), Brian Vickers (32) and Brad Keselowski go three wide on the final lap of Saturday's NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Michigan International Speedway.**

two tires, for a 12-lap dash to the finish.

Busch immediately took the lead when Vickers got hung up behind Allgaier, but Vickers came back to challenge and the two were side by side when another caution came out with 10 laps left.

Vickers chose the outside lane on the final restart with seven laps to go and was poised to run away with the race. Busch caught back up and the two appeared ready to fight it out on the final lap when Keselowski came seemingly out of nowhere and passed them both.

Busch apparently bumped Vickers' car pulling onto pit road and the two exchanged words, but the confrontation didn't escalate. Then came a delightfully awkward

news conference in which they sat together and talked about one another while staring straight ahead.

"Ever since Richmond, I've had a trouble racing with [Vickers] so it's just another escalation of that," Busch said.

Busch criticized Vickers for not giving him enough room or paying attention to Keselowski.

"I knew [Keselowski] was coming and man, I was stuck," Busch said. "I didn't have anywhere to go."

Vickers said he didn't know Keselowski was coming so quickly, but wasn't willing to entertain Busch's second-guessing.

"I race everybody the way they race me," Vickers said.

"We were racing for the win. Kyle, if you want to be upset with that, I'm sorry. That's my job to try and win the race. If anyone else disagrees, if anyone else thinks I should have just rolled out of it and let Kyle win, please raise your hand. I'm fine. The only thing I'm upset with is how he handled it after the race. I'm sure we can get past that."

The confrontation is unlikely to spill over into Sunday's Sprint Cup race, in which Vickers will start from the pole and Busch will start near the back.

"He'll be up front tomorrow and I'll be in back, so we won't have anything," Busch said.

Both drivers then sped away on golf carts.

Keselowski said he probably wouldn't have won if Vickers and Busch had stayed single-file at the end.

"They didn't, so I guess it's irrelevant," Keselowski said.

It was a big moment for Keselowski, who was thrilled to win a race in his home state and put on a good show in the process.

"It was just good racing," said Keselowski, a native of Rochester Hills, Mich.

"I sure hope everybody enjoyed it — it's not very often you get a three-wide battle for a lead with one to go."

The third-place finish put a slight damper on what has been a remarkable streak for Busch, who hadn't finished worse than second in his previous 10 Nationwide races. With Edwards' wreck Saturday, Busch holds a 339-point lead in the standings.

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### THE 91ST PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

# A new kid in town



PAUL SANCYA/AP

Y.E. Yang of South Korea exults after beating Tiger Woods to win the PGA Championship on Sunday. Below right, Woods is none too pleased after missing a birdie putt on the second hole at Hazeltin National Golf Club.

## South Korean overtakes Tiger to win first major

The Associated Press

CHASKA, Minn. — Y.E. Yang won the PGA Championship on Sunday, beating Tiger Woods for his first major title.

The South Korean finished at 8-under 283, three strokes ahead of Woods. Yang is the first Asian player to win a major.

It was only the second time Woods had lost when having the lead going into the final round on the PGA Tour, and the first time in a major. Woods finished the year without a major title for the first time in five years.

Woods, who began the day with a two-stroke lead and a lot of history on his side, looked a little bit off — he missed several

makable birdie putts — as Yang refused to wilt in the glare of playing with the world's No. 1. Quite the opposite, in fact. He chipped in from the greenside rough for an eagle on the par-4 14th to pull in front of Woods.

Woods had a chance to tie it with a 15-footer on 15, but it skirted the edge of the cup.

Yang beat Woods three years ago by two shots to win the HSBC Champions in Shanghai, but they weren't playing in the same group. And it wasn't a major.

Defending champion Padraig Harrington dropped out of contention with an 8 on the par-3 eighth, putting the ball in the water not once, but twice.

U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover, who was within a stroke of Woods at one point, fell back to 3 under after three late bogeys on the back nine.

Woods' outright lead had evaporated by the fourth hole. Yang birdied the par-5 third after getting the approach shot Woods had wanted, and then Woods missed a 4-footer for par on the par-3 fourth.

Woods had the lead by himself again when Yang bogeyed the fifth hole.

He chipped within 8 feet from the trees, but rolled the par putt past the hole.

But Woods dropped back into a tie with Yang again on the par-3 eighth.

